

# The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—July 4, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding



## Welcome!

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God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat ... take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

We are glad you are worshipping with us. All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

After worship, please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

## Gathering

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THE BAND

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. WLH

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ... whose mercy endures forever.

☛ Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

☞ Gracious God,

☛ have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

☞ God, who is rich in mercy, ... that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

☛ Amen.

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
 O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
 Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
 O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
  
2. O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,  
 Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;  
 Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
 Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
 Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,  
 And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"  
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

☩ The grace of ... be with you all. ☩ **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ Let us pray. ☩ **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Word

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## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10–14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

☩ A reading from Isaiah:

- <sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
 all you who love her;  
 rejoice with her in joy,  
 all you who mourn over her —  
<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
 from her consoling breast;  
 that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

**A** The word of the Lord. **B** **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 66:1-9

Sung Antiphonally

REFRAIN (sung by cantor, then by all; then at each **B** by all)



VERSES (light=cantor; bold=all)



<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, | all you lands;  
be joyful, | all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory | of God's name;**  
**sing the glory | of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows | down before you,**  
**sings to you, sings | out your name."** **B**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the | works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went**  
**through the wa- | ter on foot,**  
**and there we re- | joiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

**8Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.**

**9Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. ☩**

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 6:1–16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

**☩** A reading from Galatians:

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised — only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

**☩** The word of the Lord. **☩ Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
 ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Choir: Repeat Alleluia  
 Let the peace of Christ rule | in your hearts,\* and let the word of Christ dwell | in you richly.

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

Ⓢ Glory to you, O Lord.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

Ⓟ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>16</sup>Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

*Sit*

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

*Stand*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

We All Are One in Mission

#576

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS

Ⓐ Hear us, O God. ☩ **Your mercy is great.**

*Sit*

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE BAND

Shout to the Lord

D. Zschech, arr. Pethel

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

#183

## Meal

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*Stand*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ⓐ God of mercy and grace,

☩ **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help  
of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.

☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

Ⓐ It is indeed right, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☩ Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
 The universe ... with every breath. ☩ **We praise you, O God.**  
 ☩ Generations ... into the future. ☩ **We bless you, O God.**  
 ☩ We give you thanks ... with us now. ☩ **We thank you, O God.**  
 ☩ In the night ... for the remembrance of me.  
 Remembering his love ... mystery of faith:  
 ☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
 ☩ We pray ... without end. ☩ **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER      Right Column      Page 173, front of hymnal

*Sit*

### THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

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### THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn of the Month	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	#618
	Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises	#535

## Sending

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*Stand*

### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- ☩ The body and blood ... keep you in his grace. ☩ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE      Now, Lord      #200

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION      Page 174, front of hymnal

- Ⓐ Let us pray ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen**

### THE PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

- ☩ The peace of Christ be with you always. ☩ **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Peace be with you. ☩ Peace be with you.

### THE BENEDICTION

- ☩ The Lord bless you ... and + give you peace. ☩ **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Seven Steps to Heaven

Miles Davis

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

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*Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.*

The Clark family (Pat Brown), the Dubois family (Pat Brown), Wayne Lord (Pat Brown), Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Penny Kinney (Pat Brown), Joe Pavano (Cindy Pavano), Rose Huie (Pat Brown), Rita & Keenen Black (Pat Brown), Lois Arena (Ralph Holmstrom), Joseph DiChiara (John Kupfer), Rick Guinness, Lisa Viele, (Nancy Michalski), Kathy G. (Pat Brown), Lori (Pat Brown), Pat Hamilton (Gail Bates), Gale Anderson (Pat Brown), Julia, Craig (Pat Brown), Ken Burkett (Russell Magnuson's son in law), Karen, Donald, Maria (Pat Brown), Susan Trager (Laurie Trager's sister), family & friends grieving the loss of Lorraine Carlson, Cari Walentukonis, Louis Sacco, family & friends grieving the death of Hector Montanez (Louis Sacco), John & Kristy (LeslieMarchesi), John Darrow grieving the loss of his brother-in-law; Donald Laird Sr. (Bill Hively's friend's father), Pat Brown, grieving friends and family of Audrey Brolin—FLCR Minister of Music 1986-1995, family & friends grieving the loss of Norman Holmberg, Danielle Cummings deployed to Qatar with the Air Force.

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## OUR VISION

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**First** with inspiring worship, fellowship and service  
**First** by reaching out to all

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