



## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00AM

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#### 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."*

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRELUDE

#### \* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

\* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #510  
*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

\* **THE GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you.**

\* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> 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.  
<sup>2</sup> 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;  
<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup> 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.  
<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup> 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.  
<sup>8</sup> 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.  
<sup>9</sup> 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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28**

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.  
<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**  
<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.  
<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**  
<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.  
<sup>24</sup> **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.**  
<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.  
<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**  
<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

**Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29**

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

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151

**C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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"—<sup>29</sup> 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.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "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.

**P: The Gospel of the Lord!**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOOD NEWS 101**

**THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** **#611**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

\* **THE APOSTLES' CREED** page 217

**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.**

**\*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

God of Grace,  
**Hear our prayer**

**PEACE**

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

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING  
SPECIAL MUSIC**

**\* THE OFFERTORY: Let The Vineyard's Be Fruitful**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**\* THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,  
your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.  
All that has life and breath praises your name.  
For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
preached your mercy, and called us to faith.  
For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

**We entreat you, O God.**

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,  
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

**\* THE SENDING SONG:**

**#543**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today: June 22, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Scarlett Johnson

**Lector:** Stan Blackburn

**Usher:** Bonnie Mazza

**Musicians:** Michelle Foster

**Sound System:** Amber Johnson

**Serving Next Week: June 29, 2025**

**Communion Assistant:** Laura Poethke

**Acolyte:** Allyson Schmalz

**Lector:** Hank Bariexca

**Ushers:** Peggy Bowers & Nicole Rodig

**Musician:** TBD

**Sound System:** Laura Poethke

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY**

<b>Today</b>	10:00AM Worship 11:00 Food Pantry Open
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM Congregation Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
<b>Friday</b>	7:00—10:00PM AA
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	10:00AM Worship/Holy Communion

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE CALL** the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME:** Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Bonnie Mazza if you are interested.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our food pantry is open today is and again the third Sunday of each month. Please continue to bring in your donations to help those in need.

**BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING** take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:** Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship will be returning in September on the 4th Sunday of each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:** We have completed our building repairs to meet the new state guidelines. So far to date we have received donations in the amount of \$1,775 toward our goal of \$5,000, to cover the expenses of these upgrades and repairs. Thank you everyone for your generosity. We will be working to raise the balance of this money throughout the summer. If you have any ideas for fundraising please see one of our council members, or if you would like to make a donation there is a basket located underneath the donation chart in the Narthex.

**Our Historical Sequoya Tree:** This past week our tree was struck by a car when a gentleman lost control of his vehicle. The most important thing is that the gentleman had only a few minor scratches. We give thanks to God for watching over him.

Our Sequoya tree suffered a pretty hard hit, taking a big chunk out of the base of the tree. We had an arborist come out to determine if the tree can survive and he believes it can but it will require some special patching to prevent rotting and possible shock to the root system. The cost to treat and help our historical tree will be \$600. We are working with the individual to see what his insurance will cover.

The background of the poster is a photograph of a tropical beach. In the top right corner, a palm frond hangs down. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The ocean is a vibrant turquoise color with gentle waves lapping at the shore. The beach in the foreground is composed of fine, light-colored sand.

# Summer Worship

## 10am every Sunday

Rain or Shine  
We are here all Summer long.

Make the church your Summer vacation destination!

No better place to rejuvenate, refresh and  
replenish your heart, mind and soul!



His  
Grace  
IS  
enough

