



He shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise His heel.

+ *Genesis 3:15b*

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the family is the shape of our lives on earth, so is family God's design for eternity. When Adam and Eve succumbed to Satan's lies and were lost to God, He was relentless in working to restore them and their children. He delivered up His own Son to rescue and redeem us and make us His children once again.

Such was His promise to Adam, Eve, and all humanity when He spoke the first Gospel promise in Genesis 3(:15)—“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

God's family is all those who are bound by blood—the blood of Christ—and who have been born anew, adopted, and marked as His own. Satan's claim on us is paid in Christ so that we might be free to be the children of God, to call God Father, and to know and trust in His gifts, grace, and promises. This is our identity today by Baptism and faith, and this is our future in everlasting life.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

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Depicts Christ's Victory over Sin, Death, and the Devil, as the Cross Crushes the Serpent's Head
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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and
all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -
sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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Stand – The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 28:7-9; antiphon: v. 6

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.



(Antiphon) Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to Him.

8 **The LORD is the strength of His | people;***
He is the saving refuge of His a- | nointed.

9 Oh, save Your people and bless Your | heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

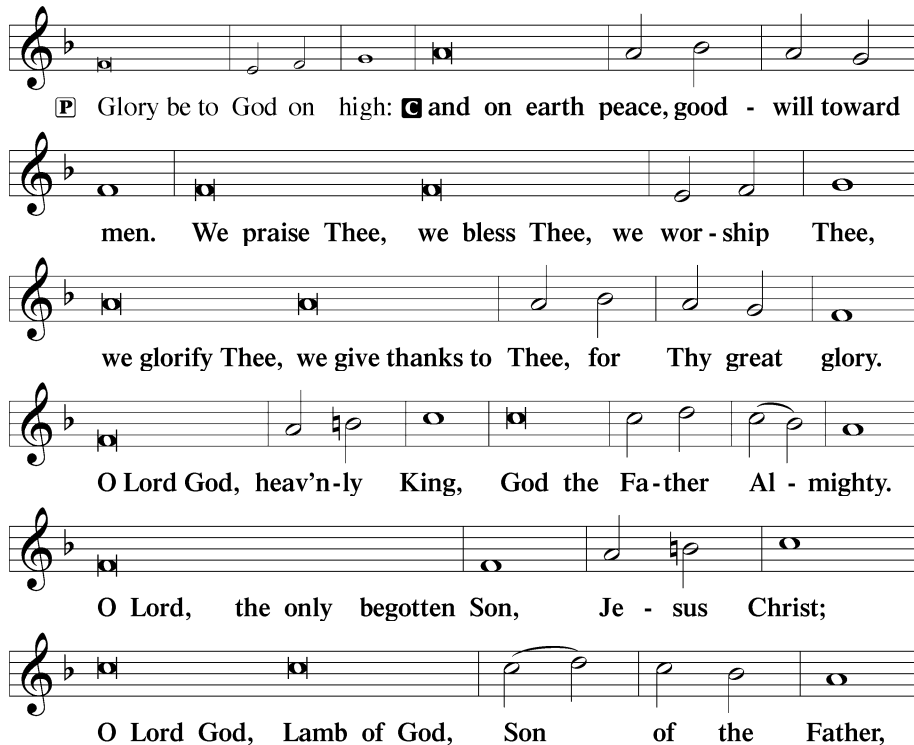
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Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 3:8–15

P The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter three.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
 “Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
 on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her Offspring;
 He shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise His heel.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.



Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and His greatness is un- | searchable.
 On Your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare Your | greatness.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

P The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, chapters four and five.

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Psalm 127:1a



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
 those who build it labor in vain. | Alleluia.

The alleluias are repeated.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁰Then He went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, “He is out of His mind.”

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons He casts out the demons.” ²³And He called them to Him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—
³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You.” ³³And He answered them, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for
3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are



foe de-destroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.
heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.
fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.



Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all
When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by



thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-protects you from them all.
harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.
fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.



Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.
Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
Praise God, our tri-umph's sure. We need not long en-dure



Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,
Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring



And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.
Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.
To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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SERMON

Rev. Brian Hamer

After the sermon, the pastor may say:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Kneel (or remain standing)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for the promised Offspring, Christ Jesus, who by His bitter suffering and death has crushed Satan's head forever, that as God promised deliverance from sin and its curse to Adam and Eve and received their meager confessions for the sake of His grace, so He would show us the comfort of sins forgiven and lead us in constant hope of His new creation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For courage, that as we believe, so we also would speak of the confidence of Christ's resurrection; that we would be emboldened to confess this Christian faith from a lively conscience; and that, for Christ's sake, grace may extend to more and more people for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who feel the sword of division brought about by the confession of Christ's truth, especially within their own families, that, seeing as Christ was rejected on earth by friends and relatives, they be assured that their stand is necessary, be guarded from seeking a false peace, and be turned in every earthly disappointment toward God's eternal and undivided Church Triumphant, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our nation and for Joseph, Gavin, and all our elected officials, that as no kingdom or house divided can stand, God would frustrate the schemes of Satan, unite our leaders and people for the common good, and lead us to place our hope in His eternal kingdom, which is not of this world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who suffer any malady of mind, body, or soul, that fixing their eyes beyond the transient to things unseen, they not lose heart; and that God, in His wisdom, prepare them through this momentary affliction for eternal glory when we are raised with Christ and brought into His presence, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that as Satan overcame our first parents through the eating of the tree's fruit, Christ overcomes the devil among us by the fruit of His cross, His true body and most precious blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P What was lost in Paradise has been regained by the conquering wounds of Your Son, crucified and raised again. In Him, we are restored as Your children and made bold to ask for every need. Hear us for His sake and in His name, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The live-stream service concludes with the following:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and **✠** give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Divine Service continues with the Lord's Supper for those at the church. Please sing/read aloud the closing hymn and come by later for Holy Communion between 10:30am and 11:30am, parking by the concrete ramp along Holt Avenue.

CLOSING HYMN: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

I sure have missed all of you this Sunday and I want to send a big thank-you to Rev. Hamer for caring for my flock in my absence. As you read last week, I took Holly and our boys on a little trip to celebrate her 40th birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOLLY!

<cue singing the “Happy Birthday” song>

I’ll share some photos of our trip with all of you soon but for now I just wanted to say that I missed seeing all of you and that we had a wonderful time celebrating Holly!

I’m excited to see all of you again for our **study of the Psalms this Tuesday at Noon on “Zoom.”** We’ll be studying **Psalm 44** this week. And then tune-in or come by in-person for our **short prayer service on Wednesday night at 7:00pm** as we meditate on Psalm 44.

- To join the study on your computer, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7603525715>
- To join by phone, call either “669-900-9128” or “346-248-7799” and enter 7603525715#
- The password for computer and telephone is “12345”

Lastly, please continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box:
Evangelical-Lutheran Church, PO Box 1530, El Centro, CA 92244-1530.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

