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therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest  
to send our laborers into His harvest.”

+ *Matthew 9:37b-38*

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 14, 2020**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Through the apostolic ministry, God comes through His Word to bring people to the knowledge of sin and the gift of forgiveness and life through faith in Jesus, His Son. The reason all die is our sin inherited from our earthly father, Adam.

More important, however, is the reason all can receive forgiveness and life—the free gift of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ by whose atoning sacrifice all our sins are forgiven.

Remember that Christ was crucified at Golgotha—the Place of the Skull. We might think this was because so many people had been crucified there that many skulls would be found. But it is not the Place of Skulls but the place of one skull. The early Church understood this to be the skull of our first parent, Adam, from whom we inherited sin and death. Christ then pours out His life over Adam’s grave, bringing us forgiveness and new life in Him!

By repentance and faith, all the baptized are made a kingdom of priests bearing witness to all of the salvation that is in Christ, our Lord.

Today God renews His promises and love by His Word and Spirit as His living voice continues to come to us through those sent as ministers, preaching and administering the Holy Sacraments. Together we praise God, who has rescued us from our deathly heritage to be His children alive forever.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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## ✠ MATINS ✠

### OPENING HYMN: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon  
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in  
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and  
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
 dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our  
 deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
 sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
 in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
 dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
 light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
 So by one Man, who took our place,  
 We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
 New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
 This grace our ev'ry way attend  
 Until we reach our journey's end.

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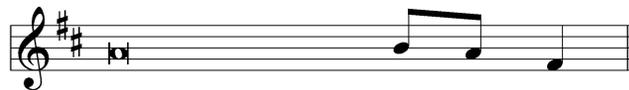
*Stand*

### OPENING VERSICLES

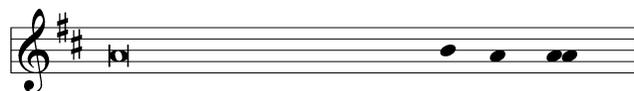
*Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that

fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news

less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,

Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those

Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
al - scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy

Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
To bring the great good news to man!  
To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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## READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Exodus 19:1-8*

<sup>2</sup>On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

Romans 5:6–15

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one Man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE



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

*Matthew 9:37b–38*

Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;  
therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.



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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 9:35—10:20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

<sup>1</sup>And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup>Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup>And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for My sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**RESPONSORY**

*Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*



**L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



**G** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*Sit*

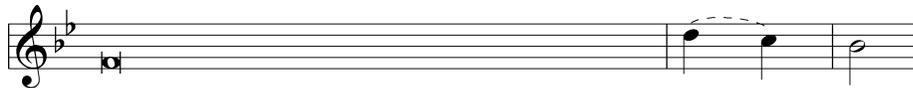
**SERMON**

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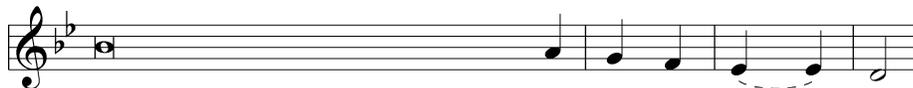
**CANTICLE**

*Stand*

**TE DEUM: We Praise You, O God**



**G** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.



1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;



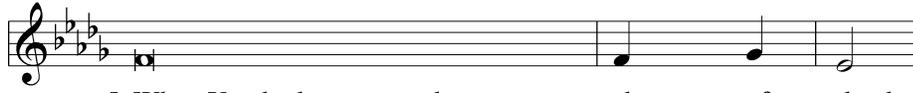
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise You.  
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



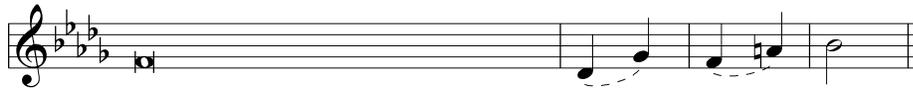
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



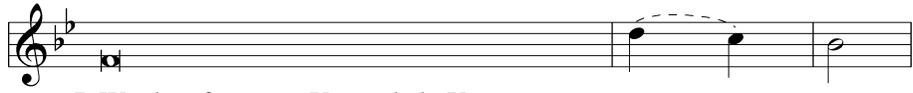
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



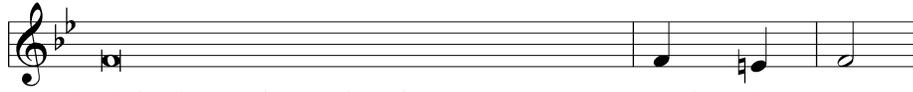
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

**PRAYER**

*Kneel (or remain standing)*

**KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -  
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# COLLECTS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spir - it.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Collect During an Epidemic*

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Collect During a National Calamity*

**P** Look mercifully, O Lord, we implore You, on the affliction of Your people. Let not our sin destroy us, nor hopelessness overwhelm us, but let Your boundless mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**C** A - men.

*Additional collects may be prayed following the same form and response. The prayers conclude with the Collect for Grace.*

*Collect for Grace*

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous 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.



**C** A - men.

*Stand*

**BENEDICAMUS**

*Psalm 103:1*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

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1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
 His most mar - v'lous light; Brought His truth to  
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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

## SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday was the first time in nearly three months that we gathered in-person for Divine Service at Grace. We practiced social distancing and everyone wore a mask. As I was getting vested for the service, I hear little Sam start *bawling* and he generally isn't a big crier. I came out of the vestry to see what was amiss and I found Holly holding him in the midst of the nave, trying to calm him down.

Sam wasn't having any of that! He was just a wreck! So I took hold of him and he buried his little head into my stole, heaving with a few more big cries . . . and then he stopped and looked up and just stared at me for a bit. Finally he was calm and Mom came by and cradled him in her lap.

It took me a minute to figure out what I think was going on—everyone was wearing a mask and *I mean everyone*, Mom and Leo included, *except me* (since I was vested and getting ready for the service). I alone looked “normal”. See, *Sam loves to smile and he loves to see people smile!* And now there weren't any smiles . . . and he fell to pieces . . . and all that he could do was cry.

It got me thinking this week, as I've been battling a bit of depression myself, that I'm a little bit broken-hearted, too. All the news I read are stories about people being angry and fighting and killing and rioting and hurting . . . Maybe, like Sam, I should just have a good cry! Maybe we all should . . .

One of the negative effects of the efforts being taken to fight the spread of COVID-19 has been to make everyone outside of ourselves and our immediate families into a potential threat. And there is something almost dehumanizing about wearing a mask—hiding such a personable part of our bodies.

Under the constant strain of this pandemic and the destruction of societal norms, is it any wonder that we seem to have reached a breaking point—that it feels like the world is spinning out of control?

I think Sam was afraid last Sunday—afraid and sad—and he couldn't understand why.

I think a lot of people are afraid right now and sad right now and they don't really understand why.

I think we look a lot like the people in today's Gospel reading: “. . . harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt 9:36b). And what was Christ's reaction? “When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them” (Matt 9:36a). Christ continues to have compassion on us as the great High Priest who knows all our woes and has endured all our weaknesses as “one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb 4:15b).

As Saint Peter wrote, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you” (1 pet 5:6-7).

Join me for our **Study of the Psalms** on “Zoom” **every Tuesday at Noon (ending by 1:00pm)**. We socialize for the first 15 minutes and then start the study at 12:15pm, wrapping up by 12:45pm. We then close with prayer and say goodbye before 1:00pm. This week we study Psalm 8.

- 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#

And tune-in to Facebook **each Wednesday night at 7:00pm** for a short (30 minute) **service of prayer and meditation** on the psalm. The service folder will be on our website ([www.GraceLutheranElCentro.org](http://www.GraceLutheranElCentro.org)) and the live-stream will be on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranElCentro](http://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranElCentro)).

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