



Sunday, June 22, 2025

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION:

The LORD Listens to All Who Call on Him In Faith

Our Old Testament and Gospel lessons teach us that the LORD listens to everyone who calls on him in faith - regardless of their ethnic background or culture. Why is that? Because our worthiness before God does not come from who we are or what we have done. It only comes through faith in Christ's merciful work of saving us from our sins.

912 Open, Lovely Doors

CW 912



1 O - pen, love - ly doors, and let me come in - to God's
2 With a song I've come to greet you; come to me, dear
3 You de - serve my deep - est rev - 'rence; sanc - ti - fy me



house to - day! This is where great joys be - set me
Lord, I pray. Where you let your peo - ple meet you
through and through. Let my wor - ship in your pres - ence



more than I can sing or say. Here I view God's
heav - en's light is bright as day. Let my heart your
clear - ly show my love for you. Lord of mer - cy,



glo - rious face, see his light, re - ceive his grace.
heav - en be; Sav - ior, make your home in me.
hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

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The Service

Setting One (page 155)

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 156

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

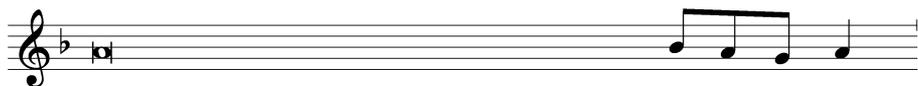
Lord, Have Mercy

CW 156



In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



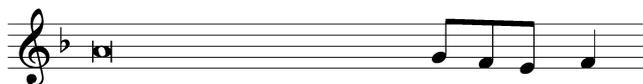
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



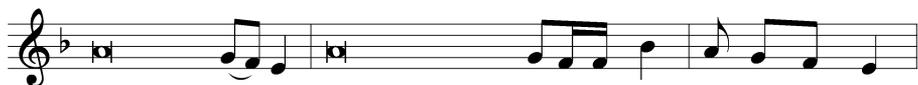
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



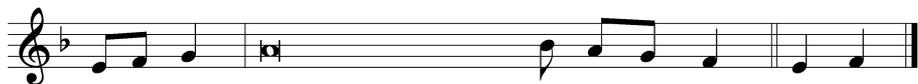
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, you have given your only Son as the sacrifice for sinners. Grant us grace to receive the fruits of his redeeming work with thanksgiving and daily to follow in his way; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 8:22–24, 27–29, 41–43

At the dedication of the Temple, Solomon prays that the LORD gives His undivided attention to the prayers of His people for His mercy's sake.

²²Then Solomon stood in front of the altar in the presence of the whole congregation of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. ²³He said:

O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in the heavens above or on the earth below. You keep the covenant of mercy and faithfulness with your servants who walk before you with all their heart. ²⁴You have kept the word which you spoke to your servant, my father David. What you have said with your mouth you have fulfilled with your hand, as it is today.

²⁷But will God really dwell on the earth? In truth, the heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this house, which I have built! ²⁸But turn your face toward the prayer of your servant and toward his plea for mercy. O LORD my God, listen to the cry and the prayer which your servant offers before you today.

²⁹Let your eyes be open toward this house night and day, toward this place where you said, “My Name will be there,” to hear the prayer which your servant offers toward this place.

⁴¹Also for the foreigner, who is not one of your people Israel, but who comes from a distant land because of your Name ⁴²(for they will hear about your great Name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm, and they will come and pray toward this house), ⁴³for that foreigner, hear in heaven, which is your dwelling place, and do everything for which that foreigner cries out to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your Name and fear you, just as your people Israel do, and because they know that your Name is proclaimed in this house which I have built.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

142A I Cry Aloud to the LORD

Psalm 142A

Refrain



I cry a-loud to the LORD; I raise my voice to God; I
 cry a-loud to the LORD, my God: LORD, have mer-cy.

Tone



In the path / where I walk
 people have hidden a / snare for me.
 Look and see—no one is con- / cerned for me.
 I have no refuge; no one cares / for my life.

I cry to you, LORD; I say, “You are my / refuge,
my portion in the land of the / living.”

Listen to my cry, for I am in / desp’rate need;
rescue me from those who pur- / sue me. *Refrain*

Set me free from my / prison,
that I may / praise your name.

Then the righteous will gather a- / bout me
because of your good- / ness to me.

**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. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Galatians 3:23–29

*God makes us His children through faith in His Son. That is why He gives us
His undivided attention.*

²³But before this faith came, we were held in custody under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed. ²⁴So the law was our chaperone until Christ, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a chaperone.

²⁶In fact, you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. ²⁸There is not Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one and the same in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:14

Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 7:1–10

Jesus praises the faith of a Gentile centurion.

¹After Jesus had finished saying all these things to the people who were listening, he went into Capernaum. ²A centurion's servant, who was valuable to him, was sick and about to die. ³When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they begged him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵because he loves our nation, and he built our synagogue for us."

⁶Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell Jesus, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, because I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷That is why I did not consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸For I am also a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another one, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

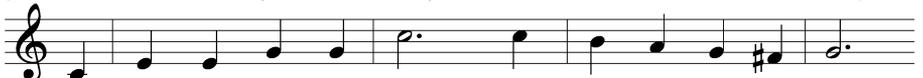
⁹When Jesus heard these things, he was amazed at him. He turned to the crowd that was following him and said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel." ¹⁰And when the men who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

560 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

CW 560



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sin-ful soul;
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dread-ful load
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ran-som due;
5 Your right-eous-ness, O Christ, a-lone can cov-er me;



they tell me all is done, they bid my fear de-part.
your wounds, not mine, con-tain the balm that makes me whole.
of sins that none could bear but the in-car-nate God.
ten thou-sand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
no oth-er right-eous-ness can set a sin-ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Sermon

John 10:22–30

Our Worthiness before God . . .

- 1) ... Does not come from who we are and what we've done.
- 2) It only comes through faith in Christ's undeserved mercy for us.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offertory Prayer



Refrain
 How great, how sure; his love en - dures for - ev - er - more.
 How great, how sure; his love en - dures for - ev - er - more.
 How great, how sure; his love en - dures for - ev - er - more.



Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love. v. 3
 Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love. *Bridge*
 Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love. *Refrain*

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Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

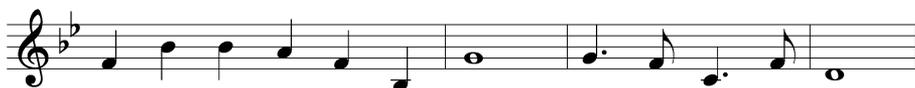
Amen.

813 He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813



1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



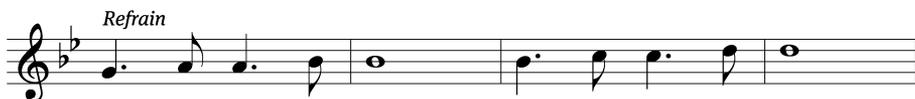
when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



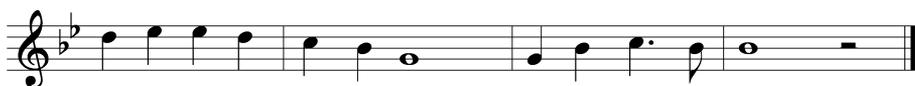
I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! *(Refrain 2X)*



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Announcements

Church Cleaners

June 29 – Peter // June 29 – Barnabas

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (22) 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion**
10:30 am Voters Meeting
- Tu (24) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
- We (25) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
- Fr (27) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Romans 9-16)
4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Sa (28) 11:00 am Communicating Christ (Youth)
- Su (29) 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion**
10:30 am Ladies Strawberry Social
3:00 pm Communion Service in Poltimore
- Tu (1) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
- We (2) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
- The (3) 9:30 am Longfield Manor Devotion
- Fr (4) 4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Sa (5) 11:00 am Communicating Christ (Youth)
- Su (6) 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion**
3:00 pm Communion Service in Poltimore

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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