

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,

**of whom I am  
the foremost.**

1 TIMOTHY 1:15



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**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Service Theme

**GOD LOVES SINNERS**

They never forgot their past. Moses never forgot how he killed a man in a fit of anger. Paul never forgot how he had savaged the Church of God. Matthew never forgot how, as a tax collector for the Roman Empire, he was considered a traitor to his people. But God forgot their past. He forgave all their sins and called them to proclaim his mercy. Christians are sinners whom God has mercifully called. Only mercy can explain why Jesus brings people to faith and promises them salvation. Only grace can explain how he calls them to serve as they are able, even in the ministry of the gospel. God loves sinners.

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## Order of Service

*(Baptismal Gathering Rite & Service of Word and Sacrament)*

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

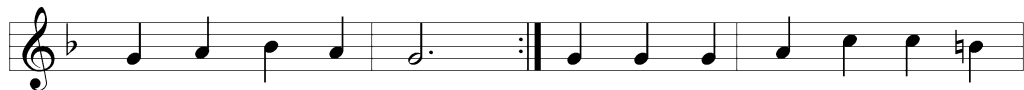
**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *(John 3:5,6)*

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *(Psalm 51:5)*

**But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** *(1 Corinthians 6:11)*



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -  
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of



forth your child and heir.  
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort



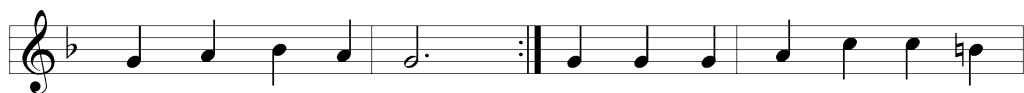
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.  
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.



Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

*Chen, Haoxuan*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

## **Exhortation**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents, to assist in whatever manner possible so that *Haoxuan (Mario)* may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**Yes, as God gives me strength.**

Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on *Haoxuan (Mario)* and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,




how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the



King of glo - ry;      you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C:    A       -       men.

## First Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

*The LORD chooses Moses to lead the Israelites.*

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup>So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

<sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 119C Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119C

## Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

## Tone

Do good to your / servant  
according to your / word, LORD.  
Teach me knowledge and good / judgment,  
for I trust / your commands.  
Before I was afflicted I / went astray,  
but now I o- / bey your word. *Refrain*

You are good, and what you / do is good;  
teach me / your decrees.  
It was good for me to be af- / flicted  
so that I might learn / your decrees.  
The law from your mouth is more pre- / cious to me  
than thousands of pieces of sil- / ver and gold.

**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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## Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12–17

*God demonstrates mercy and patience by calling a sinner into the ministry.*

<sup>12</sup>I give thanks to the one who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that he treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into his ministry. <sup>13</sup>He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in him, resulting in eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

*Tax collectors were considered among the worst of sinners. To demonstrate grace, Jesus called one to be his disciple.*

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

# 578 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

CW 578



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, by your Spir - it



blood for me, died that I might live on high,  
heav'n's a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; all my wants to him are known,  
and your Word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—  
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to  
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
keep me in the nar - row way; grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.  
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

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## Sermon

1 Timothy 1:12–17

### Christ Jesus came to save sinners.

- 1) He saves the worst
- 2) To make us ambassadors of His best.

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Offertory Prayer

### Prayer of the Church

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

**Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer*

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless...] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

**Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.**

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.**

## The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:




C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



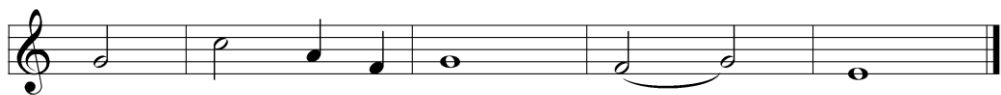
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Thanksgiving

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## 896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

CW 896



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give the grace to you a -  
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand to spread your Word o'er  
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, re - vive their sink - ing



alone to live. Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, they  
sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong to  
hopes a - gain; and when suc - cess crowns what they do, O



go to share your liv - ing Word, the gos - pel mes - sage  
heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver  
keep them hum - ble, Lord, and true un - til be - fore your



to pro - claim that all may know your sav - ing name.  
wind and wave, and might - y is your arm to save.  
judg - ment seat they lay their tro - phies at your feet.

## **Announcements**

### ***Church Cleaners***

June 14– Peter / June 21– Barnabas

### ***Summer Schedule begins June 14***

Worship at 9:30 am followed by a brief Bible Class at  
10:45 am

### ***New Bible Information Class***

Will begin on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (7) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship** (with Communion)  
11:45 am First Fellowship  
12:00 pm Evangelism Meeting  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore

*(Pastor will be at District Convention from June 8- 10)*

Fr (12) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship

**Su (14) 9:30 am Worship**  
10:45 am Brief Bible Study  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore

Fr (19) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Sa (20) 9:00 am Bible Information Class

**Su (21) 9:30 am Worship** (with Communion)  
10:45 am Brief Bible Study

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