

<p>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 12, 2020</p>

HYMN - 477 “What Is the World to Me”

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LESSON – Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. ⁶ He said, "Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD'S house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. ⁷ Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: ⁸ From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true."

PSALM 89

M: I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;

C: I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

M: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

C: that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

M: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD.

C: your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

M: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

C: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

M: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

C: who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

M: They rejoice in your name all day long;

C: they exult in your righteousness.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL - Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ “Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN - 453 “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”

SERMON – Matthew 10:34-42 “Lose Your Life For Jesus”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER

M: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: 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: Amen.

HYMN - 465 “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

OFFERING - *Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the sanctuary.*

HOLY COMMUNION – *We invite those who agree with the teachings of this church and of the WELS to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

Those who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to remain seated while the rest of the congregation is dismissed during hymn 303. Ushers will dismiss from back to front.

Communicants please pause in front of the elder to receive the bread in your hand. Then pause in front of pastor to take an individual cup from the tray.

