

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8 July 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8-9*)



*The LORD is the strength of his | people; *
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.*

*Save your people and bless your | heritage!**

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

*To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me, **

*lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the
pit.*

*Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help, **

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

*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.

*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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into
our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us
with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

GRADUAL (*Ps. 90:13, 1, 2b*)

*Return, O LORD! | How long?**

Have pity on your | servants!

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all gener- | ations. **

From everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Epistle: Romans 6:(1-2) 3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ

was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:(17-19) 20-26

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

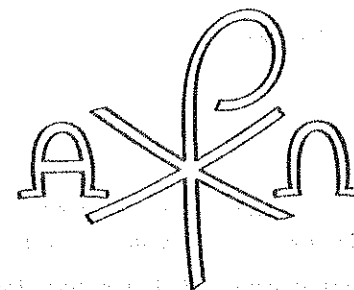
• “He means, ‘God will not take pleasure in any good work when it is done in anger, hatred, and spite.’ And here Christ mentions the offering because making an offering was a work of the heart, and a great act of worship commanded by God in the Old Testament. So whatever was said about the offering of the Jews He also wished to relate to prayer and other good works. In short, no worship is pleasing to God unless you have been reconciled and come to terms with those who have been injured by you.” (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 264)

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• “He means, ‘If you have been injured by someone, and you are asked for forgiveness, you are obligated to forgive,’ as Christ did when He said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do’ [Luke 23:34]. But even if you are not asked, be ready to forgive, and quickly, while the anger is still fresh and young, lest it result in long-lasting hatred. Do not let the sun go down on your anger [Eph. 4:26]. Since we are not sure how long we will live, we should not put off reconciliation from day to day, from year to year, but be reconciled and come to terms immediately while living here. However, if you are not reconciled, your own conscience will accuse and testify against you on the Last Day, so that you will be handed over to the judge, and then to the executioner, and not come out of prison until you have paid the last farthing, that is to say, never for eternity. For in hell there is no deliverance [Job 7:9]. Therefore let every man make sure that he is found in Christian righteousness, that is, in true faith and in brotherly love, is not angry, does not curse, has no ill will, does not injure anyone’s wife, child, servant, livestock, property, honor, or reputation, but keeps the peace with everyone, and settles, is reconciled, and comes to terms with all his enemies and accusers, that his prayer and worship may be acceptable to God, and of use for obtaining God’s grace here and eternal life hereafter.” (Ibid., 265)



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Derrick C. Brown

Collect of the Day:

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Introit:

Psalm 28:1-2, 7 (antiphon: Psalm 28:8-9) — *The LORD is my strength and my shield*

Psalm:

Psalm 19 (antiphon: v. 8) — *The Law of the LORD is perfect*

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17 — *The Ten Commandments*

Gradual:

Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b — *LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations*

Epistle:

Romans 6:3-11 — *Dead to sin, alive to God*

Verse:

Psalm 21:1 — *Alleluia. In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Alleluia.*

Matthew 5:20–26 ESV

Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the Apostle and Evangelist around AD 50. This is a portion of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount.

²⁰ **“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

- The scribes and Pharisees spent their lives striving for righteousness. They dressed in a religious fashion. They studied the Scriptures daily. They conducted the affairs of the temple and synagogue. Often set apart at birth, their lives were ones lived in outward observance of their religion.
- The righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees was an external righteousness. As Christ elsewhere says: “Well did Isaiah prophesy of [them], when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ” (Matthew 15:7–9) The scribes and Pharisees honored man’s traditions over God’s Commandments. They were not concerned with faith or the Divine Promise. Instead, they were concerned with human praise and worldly glory. They wanted to be known as religious, in order that men would honor and respect them. Such a religion is useless. (James 1:26) For honor and respect are first due to God, as the holy Law of God commands. (Matthew 22:37b; see also Deuteronomy 6:5)
- The righteousness that exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees is the righteousness of the perfect heart. It is the righteousness of the right motive, the pure desire, the perfect love, and the generous spirit. It is the righteousness that seeks not its own benefit, but always and only the benefit of the neighbor. It is a righteousness that covers up what would shame or bring the neighbor into disgrace. It is a righteousness that rejoices in helping the neighbor out of the trouble he is in. This is the righteousness that is needed. Jesus says that if one does not have such a righteousness, one cannot enter into God’s kingdom.
- Such a righteousness, a righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, is nowhere to be found within the self. As the hymnist put it: *“It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven. The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light That lurks within our nature.”* (LSB 555)
- If such a righteousness cannot be found within oneself, then it follows that righteousness before God must be found outside oneself. And if this

righteousness is to be valid before God; if it is to open heaven, then it must have testimony from God. God be praised, He has provided it! The Way is Christ, who has become our righteousness before God. (1 Corinthians 1:30; Jeremiah 23:6d) This is why St. Paul can speak the wonderful words: “To the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.” (Romans 4:5)

- Thus, our Confessions assert: “Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ’s sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4 [3:21–26; 4:5].” (*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, Augsburg Confession, Article IV, 33)

²¹ **You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’**

- “In the fifth commandment they considered that the word ‘kill’ meant merely to murder some one with the hand. Thus they made a hand out of the word ‘thou;’ and in the same manner they made out of the word ‘kill,’ that which produced a carcass.” (Martin Luther, *Explanatory Notes on the Gospels*, 16)
- “The world does not regard it a sin or injustice for any one to be angry, when he is unjustly injured, and it is true, that such a one has rights against the person who has injured him; he can also justly appeal to the judge, and call for help. But he does too much, when he adds his wrath and avenges himself, and out of small justice a much greater injustice will be done.” (Ibid.)

²² **But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.**

- Jesus unpacks “the fullness of God’s intention in giving the commandment against unjustly taking the life of another. You can murder someone in your heart or with your words. Bitter insults partake the same poisonous root as murder itself, and there is no essential difference in the sight of God; murder, anger, and bitter insults all can lead down the road to eternal damnation.” (Jeffrey Gibbs, *Matthew 1:1–11:1*, 283)

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is currently on Summer Break! We will resume classes for children and youth on Sundays & Wednesdays after Labor Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 7/10 Emma Reutzel, Vivian Mitchell 7/11 Drake LeBeau

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 7/11 Neil Merkel 7/14 Hilary Ham

NOTE: Tucker & Paula Kehoe New Address: 5 Clophill, Bella Vista, AR 72714

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex July 1-August 11, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

LADIES OF PEACE: Plan to join the LWML for a Salad Supper on July 16th at 6:30. Bring a salad to share. Our Guest Speaker is MaryAnn Niemoth. She will share her experiences from a mission trip to Africa. The bus will run, please call Church Office 402-462-9023 by Friday, July 13, 2018.

Sunday, July 22nd- 9:30am Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Higher Things Conference - Senior Youth, July 23 - 27th

Be a Pro-Life Volunteer at the Adams County Fair! Give a couple hours of your time manning the pro-life booth in the air-conditioned activities building at the Adams County Fair July 18-22, 2018. For more information, pick-up a flyer on the table, Narthex or call Joan Primrose 402-469-6335.

MEMBERS: Now that we have a new Fellowship Hall, the Trustees are seeking comments so we can maintain the church and its appearance as efficiently as possible. Please put your written comments, along with your signature, in Gary Ockinga's mailbox by Friday, August 31st.

LIFEQUOTE "When people consider euthanasia for those experiencing illness or decline with aging, God's Word is clear again through King David in Psalm 139:16b (NIV): '[A]ll the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
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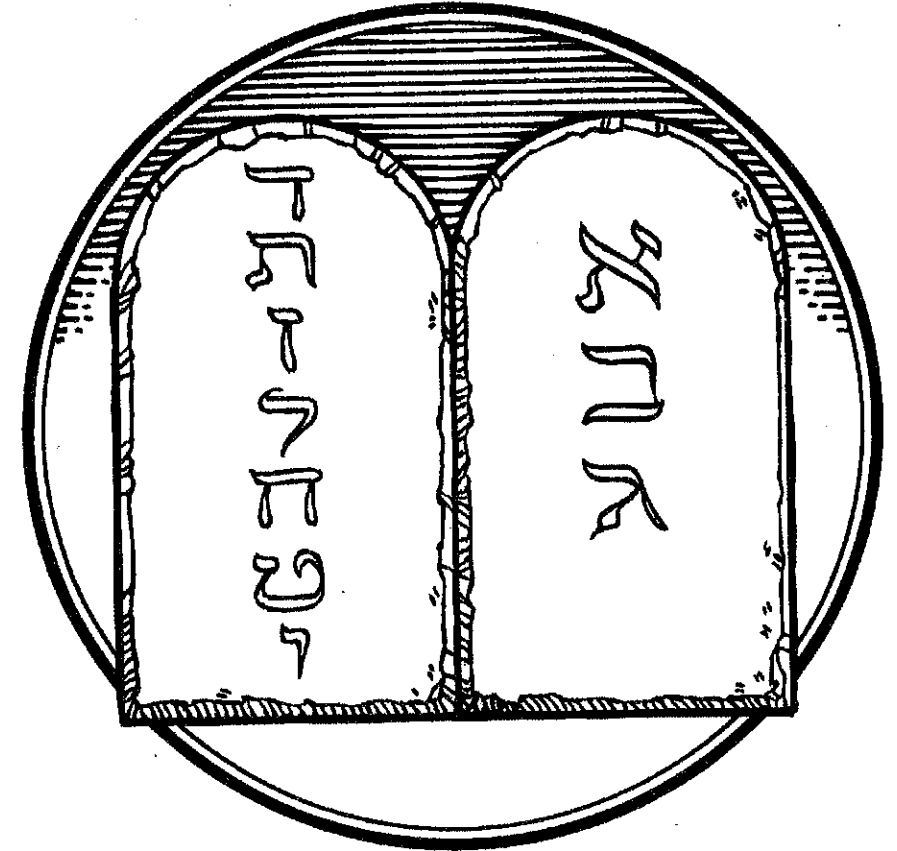
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LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 6)

Matthew 5:24 - "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." First things first: The Lord won't be bribed by our giving. Our giving must flow forth from a faithful Christian life that receives Christ's forgiveness and freely shares that forgiveness. Or, in other words, a good work isn't a good work if it doesn't flow from faith.

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July 8th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Holy Matrimony + Joel & Mary Davis Mourning + Family of Alice LeBeau Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Ramona Holtzen + Mary Fredricks + LeRoy Thom + Viola Melvin + Harlan Wherley + Allen Glathar + Deb Johnson + Janice Callan + Kay Krueger + Carol Krause + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Brenda Christensen + Carol Smith + Randy Russell + Jesse Beran **Cancer** + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Retired
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Acolytes: 7/08 8:00am Marc Mackay 10:30am Hunter Fowler
 7/15 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Rylie McAleese
 Altar Guild: July: Jena M., Brenda C. Aug: Dianc G., Dianc S.
 Ushers: 8:00am Wes C., Zach C. 10:30am Kevin H., Mike Nissen
 Elders: 7/08 8a Roger B. 10:30a Wes C. 7/15 Dale G. 308-641-6658
 Bus Drivers: 7/08 Gary O. 402-469-9797 7/15 Kevin H. 402-984-2904

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday's Attendance</u>	105	<u>Sunday Year to Date Attendance</u>	123
<u>Last Sunday's Offering</u>	\$ 2,968.00	<u>Jan-May Income</u>	\$ 89,108.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-May Expense</u>	\$ 88,001.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-May Income</u>	\$ 32,158.43
<u>May '18 Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 202,433.21

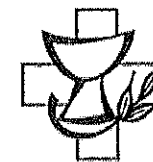
The Lord's Week

Sunday, July 8th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, July 9th	9:30am	Sewing for OGT- Assemble Layettes
Tuesday, July 10th	1:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Trustees & Elders
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday, July 11th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/11:30am Lunch
Sunday, July 15th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea *"out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"* (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, *"consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus"* (Rom. 6:11).



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting Four

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Sermon	Romans 6:3-11

Prayer of the Church
Offering

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