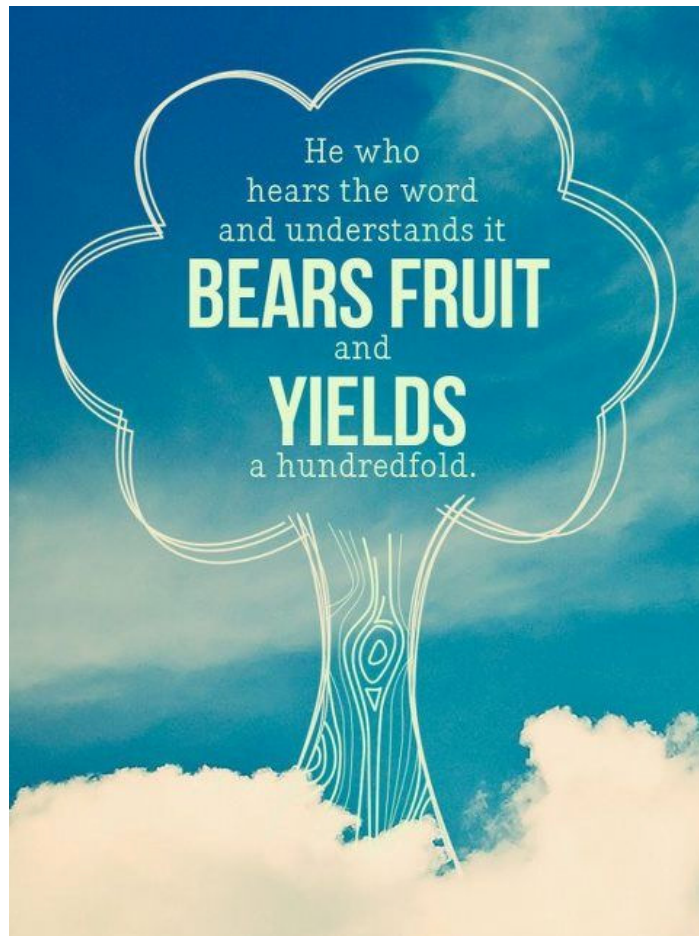


Pentecost 6
July 16, 2017
8:00 a.m. Communion Service



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Prelude, Ringing of the Bells

Hymn - LSB # 895 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Welcome and Sharing of God's Peace

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

KYRIE *(sung to the hymn "Amazing Grace" LSB #744)*

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Have mercy, Christ, our King.

Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;

Accept the prayers we bring.

P: We now join in song to praise our God and His great Glory!

Hymn of Praise *(tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels" LSB #380)*

"Glory be to God on high!" This is now our joyful cry.

Peace to all who live on earth; Grace and favor for new birth.

You we praise and glorify; Worship You, O Lord most high.

Gracious Father, heav'nly King; To Your name alone we sing:

Praise the glory of Your name; Now and evermore the same!

Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, Sole-begotten, Holy One,

Born on earth from realms on high; Born true man for us to die,

Lamb of God, you take away; This world's sin: Grant peace we pray.

With the Spirit, you alone; Are most high, O God the Son,

And the Father, God above. Praise we now Your glorious love.

Collect of the Day

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament – Isaiah 55:10-13 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle – Romans 8:12-17 ¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 ¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Hymn - AGPS # 210 “Shout for Joy, Loud and Long”

Sermon

Creed (*sung to LSB #802*)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r;
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man we learn all He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.
God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now he does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Admonition to Communicants

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and His own words administer and receive the Testament.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sanctus *(sung to the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB #507)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

Distribution Hymns

LSB # 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB # 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB # 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

LSB # 628 "Your Table I Approach"

Agnus Dei *(sung to LSB #702)*

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away --
Our Faith increase. Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall; Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and His steadfast love lasts forever.

C: My soul gives thanks to the Lord; All my being, bless His Holy Name. My soul gives thanks to the Lord, and never forgets all His blessings.

P: It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals all your ills, and who redeems your lives from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your lives with good things, and renews your youth like an eagle's.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in every place where He rules. My soul, give thanks to the Lord! Give Praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, to the Spirit Who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.

P: Go and serve the Lord. You are free.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Hymn - LSB # 821 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Announcements and Postlude

† † **H O L Y C O M M U N I O N** † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine (*"This is my body . . . This is my blood."* Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† **V I S I T O R S A N D M E M B E R S** † †

Sometime during the service we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us