

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 5

Whoever Does the Will of God

God's Goal: Family

June 6, 2021



## AS WE GATHER

“Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother,” said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ’s death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God’s mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church. As the family is the shape of our lives on earth, so is family God’s design for eternity. When Adam and Eve succumbed to Satan’s lies and were lost to God, He was relentless in working to restore them and their children. He delivered up His own Son to rescue and redeem us and make us His children once again. God’s family is all those who are bound by blood—the blood of Christ—and who have been born anew, adopted, and marked as His own. Satan’s claim on us is paid in Christ so that we might be free to be the children of God, to call God Father, and to know and trust in His gifts, grace, and promises. This is our identity today by Baptism and faith, and this is our future in everlasting life.

### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**SELECTION**     **Minister Terry Dale**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” TLH 262 St. 1**

1. A mighty Fortress is our God, a trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken. The old bitter Foe Now means deadly woe: Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Genesis 3:8–15*     (God addresses Adam and Eve with the promise of the One to come who would restore them to Him.)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**EPISTLE**     *2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1*     (“We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**     *Psalms 127:1a*

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Leader: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Mark 3:20–35* (“Who are My mother and My brothers?”)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**SERMON**

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**(We Bring Our Tithes & Offering To The Lord)**

**CREED The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Leader:** Having heard the call of God's grace, let us come near to His throne of grace with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

*Silence for prayer.*

Leader: Make Your Church one family, a people born again of Your promise in baptismal water, who believe in You and who delight in Your mercies, and sustain them in faith until that day when we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give courage and strength to all pastors and church workers who serve Your people in Your name, grant success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and guide Your Church through the Holy Spirit to be faithful amid persecution and steadfast against temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they lead with wisdom and serve with integrity on behalf of all people, and particularly for the unborn. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless the fruits of the earth and those who tend the fields on our behalf, bless all honest labor and industry, and give inspiration and grace to those who serve us with the arts and music. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give to all families grace to love one another, that husbands and wives live in fidelity toward each other and show compassionate care to their children. Bless all women in childbirth and sustain the aged in strength of body and mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Rally the nations to peace that all peoples enjoy the protection of law, the gift of liberty, and the freedom to live fruitful, upright, and godly lives; bring an end to all oppression, acts of terror, and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Deliver the sick from the burdens of the flesh and grant them healing according to Your will, give peace to those troubled in mind, deliver the dying into Your everlasting arms, and comfort the grieving with hope, [*especially . . . and those we name in our hearts . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Make us a generous people that we willingly share the resources You have given with those in need and for the support of Your Church and the good work of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: All these things we would ask of You, O Lord, trusting in Your mercy to grant us only what is best for us. Give us faith, trusting in Your mercy, that we may abide in Your presence in peace, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (TLH 246 Sts. 1)

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him, all things were made and through Him all things have their life and being. In Him, we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins.

**People:** **Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit, that having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor:            The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                      The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                      The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor:            Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN “We Praise Thee, O God” TLH 568**

1 We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring; We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee; We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee; Thro' life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been; When perils o'ertake us, escape Thou wilt make us, and with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer, to Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us, to Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise. Amen.