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**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 4, 2021**

**WELCOME TO CHRIST THE ROCK!**  
We are glad you are here in God's house today.

- Out of consideration for others and to comply with state guidelines, please wear a mask and observe social distancing. If you do not have a mask, please take one from the box on the table in the entry.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors and to the left.

**SERIES THEME: Ministry Basics**

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

**SERVICE THEME: Life Finds Strength in Struggles**

It is when life is at its worst that we have opportunity to see God at his best. His mercy is new every morning and accomplishes the impossible—against all odds. Faith turns to God and responds with rich joy and amazing generosity.

**Our Practice for Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is a means by which Christ strengthens our faith as we receive His body and blood together with the bread and wine. Receiving the Sacrament is a public confession of faith. Therefore, Christ the Rock observes the Biblical principle of "Close Communion." We invite those persons who are members of this congregation or another Wisconsin Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) congregation to commune today. Other guests are asked to speak with our pastor if they desire to join our confessional fellowship. Thank you!



HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”  
*Christian Worship # 367*



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,  
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.  
Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.  
Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;  
Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.  
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!  
touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

*STAND*

INVOCATION

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

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is 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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

*Mark 10*

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C:** **Amen.**

**GLORY BE TO GOD** *Gloria in Excelsis*

*Luke 2:14*

*Sing to the tune Christian Worship #38*

1 All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.

4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
“All glory be to God!” Amen.

**THE WORD**

**SALUTATION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord, keep this nation under your care, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**FIRST LESSON**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 17**

**Faithfulness to God means faithfulness to his commands**

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

17 Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.



PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30

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*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone*

Minister:

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;\*

Congregation:

praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,\*

but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,\*

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

*Refrain*

To you, O LORD, I called;\*

to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;\*

**O LORD, be my help.**

You turned my wailing into dancing,\*

that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

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.

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:12-17

### **Peter teaches us to be subject to those in authority.**

**12** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. **13** Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, **14** or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. **15** For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. **16** Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. **17** Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Proverbs 14:34

Alleluia. Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people. Alleluia.

## STAND

## GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

### **Jesus shows us how to honor our government**

**M:** The Gospel according to **Matthew** chapter **Twenty-two**.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

**15** Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. **16** They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

"Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. **17** Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

**18** But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"

**19** Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, **20** and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

**21** "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them,

"So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

**22** When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored”

*Christian Worship #617*



1 Christ, by heav'n-ly hosts a - dored, Gra - cious, might - y,  
2 On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the  
3 Give us rul - ers who will be Known for love and



sov - 'reign Lord, God of na - tions, King of kings,  
kind - ly rain; O'er our wide and good - ly land  
hon - es - ty; Let the pow'rs that you or - dained



Head of all cre - a - ted things, By the Church with  
Crown the la - bors of each hand. Let your kind pro -  
Be in right - eous - ness main - tained. In the peo - ple's



joy con - fessed, God o'er all, for - ev - er blest— Plead - ing,  
tec - tion be O'er our com - merce on the sea. O - pen,  
hearts in - crease Love of pi - e - ty and peace. Thus u -



at your throne we stand: Save your peo - ple, bless our land.  
Lord, your boun - teous hand; Bless your peo - ple, bless our land.  
nit - ed, we shall stand One wide, free, and hap - py land.

**UNDER THE THUMB**

1. We willingly submit to those in authority
2. We rejoice in our freedom

*STAND*

**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.**

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

*Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*We welcome Shawn Yazzie and America Yazzie into communicant membership.*



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C: 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

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

1 O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

*Tune of Christian Worship Hymn #538*

2 Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** 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:** **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

*John 1:29*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

### DISTRIBUTION

*STAND*

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

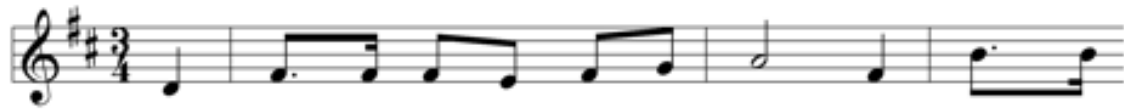
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

## “May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

*Christian Worship #458*



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on  
2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -  
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,  
dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.  
hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your  
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of  
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.  
all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.  
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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