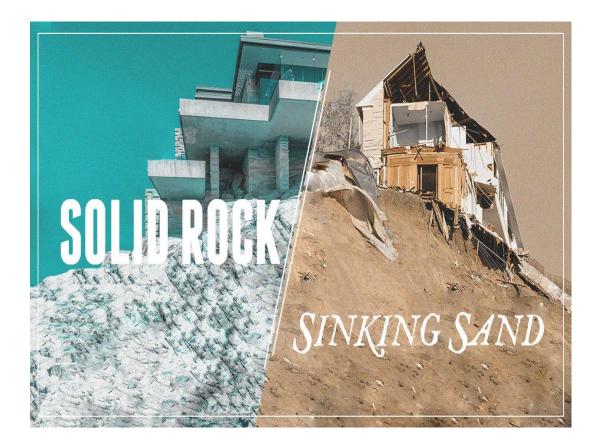
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday - July 9, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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† Call to Worship †

Greeting & Opening Prayer

Hymn #549 (V. 1-3, 6-7) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" All pow'r of an - gels pros-trate fall; 1 hail the Je - sus' name! Let 2 Crown Him, mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call; ye 3 Ye ran - somed from the fall, seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye 6 Let kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On ter - res-trial ball ev - 'ry this 7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall! di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al Jes - se's rod And crown Him Ex tol the stem of Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. all maj - es - ty To Him as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all. We'll join ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all. the Bring forth di - a - dem And crown Him of all. the roy - al Lord Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all. Text (sts. 1-3): Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt.; (sts. 6-7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765–1844 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

- **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.

Confession of Sins

- **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.

Absolution

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 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.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20 irit.

1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151

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[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

Service of the Word

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1-14

P¹I will extol You, my God and King,

- **C** and bless Your name forever and ever.
- \mathbf{P}^{2} Every day I will bless You
- **C** and praise Your name forever and ever.
- \mathbf{P}^{3} Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
- **C** and His greatness is unsearchable.
- \mathbf{P}^4 One generation shall commend your works to another,

C and shall declare Your mighty acts.

 \mathbf{P}^{5} On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

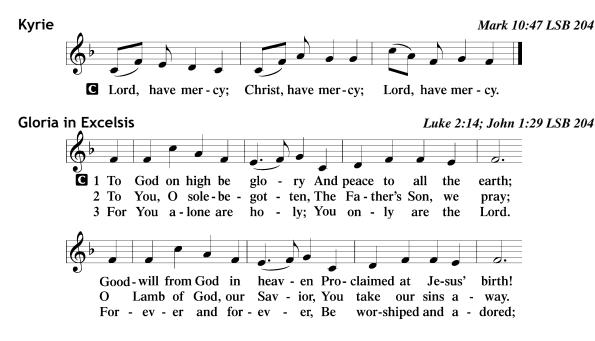
ALL and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

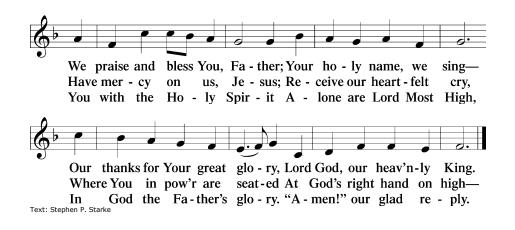
- P⁶They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,
- **C** and I will declare Your greatness.
- **P**⁷They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness
- **C** and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- **P**⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

- **P**⁹The LORD is good to all,
- **C** and His mercy is over all that He has made.
- \mathbf{P}^{10} All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
- **C** and all Your saints shall bless You!
- **₽**¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
- **C** and tell of Your power,
- \mathbf{P}^{12} to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
- **C** and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.
- **P**¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
- **C** and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- **P** The LORD is faithful in all His words
- **C** and kind in all His works.
- **₽**¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling
- **C** and raises up all who are bowed down.

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.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

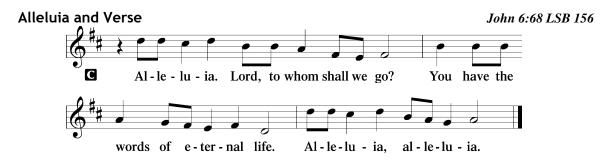
¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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C Thanks be to God.

Stand

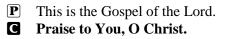


Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

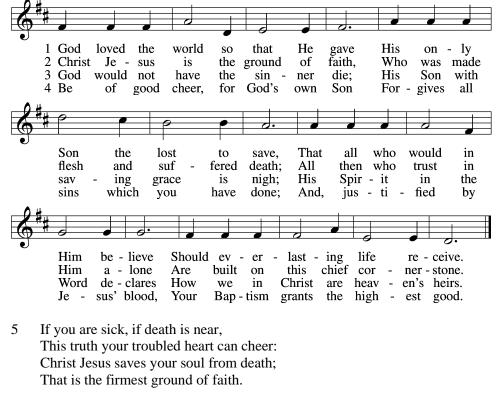
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



Sermon Hymn #571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Please stand at the last verse



 △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon: "Horrible Pit, Miry Clay; or . . . ?"

Text: Psalm 40:2-3

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 - And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

Psalm 40:2-3 NKJ

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.



Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy, С

Hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P

Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who has forgiven our sins, healed our diseases, will one day raise us from the dead and has taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 166

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.



Closing Hymn #688 (V. 1-2, 4-5) " 'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"



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