

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 20:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>"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. <sup>5</sup> You 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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>"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. <sup>8</sup>"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. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>"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 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We 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. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We 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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5:17–26*

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come 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. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

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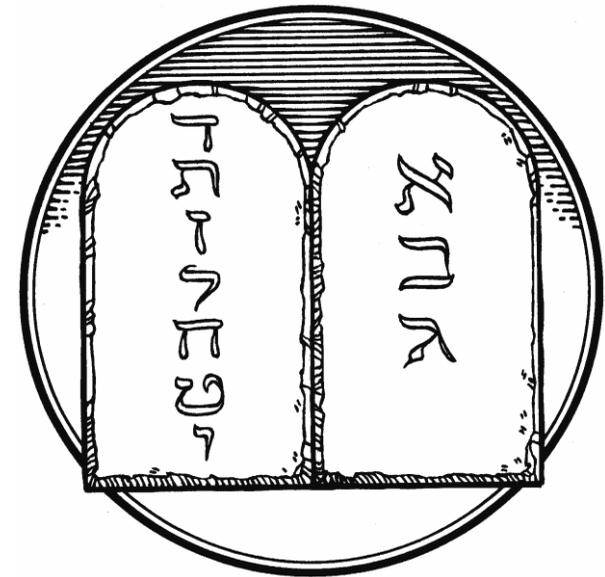
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### ✠ Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness ✠

*"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).*

# Sixth Sunday after Trinity

## July 15 & July 19, Year of Our ✠ Lord 2020

**COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Communion is offered today for those who: (1) repent of their sins, (2) believe in Jesus as their Savior, (3) believe that with the bread and the wine Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and (4) desire to amend their sinful ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal with those of the same confession of faith: therefore, we ask that those **NOT** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, or Lutheran Church Canada **please speak with the Pastor before communing.**

**Introit** (*Sing to the Tune of C*)

**☩ 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.**

*(Sing Gloria Patri p.186)*

### Prayers of the Church

**☩** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**☩** Heavenly Father, hear the voice of our pleas for mercy. Your Law is good and wise, but we confess that we have not kept it. Forgive us our sins; help us to do better; and keep us united to Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who fulfilled the Law and the prophets, that we might remain clothed in His righteousness, which exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Gracious Father, send forth laborers into Your harvest, and sustain those whom You have sent, that the Word of reconciliation may be proclaimed to all people and the Gospel preached in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Loving Father, it is out of Your love and wisdom that You provide us vocations in which to work and serve. Give us joy in our callings, whatever they may be, and fill us with Your Spirit, that we would strive to be faithful and diligent in our work and service, for the benefit and blessing of our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Almighty Father, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son, that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Merciful Father, hear those who cry out to You for help in their time of suffering, from the pandemic and every other affliction. We pray especially for.... According to Your gracious will, heal their infirmities or give them strength to bear all their crosses in Christian patience. Above all, sustain them in the faith, that they would be comforted in the forgiveness, life and salvation they have in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

### Divine Service

*Setting Three*



#### Preparation

Pastor's Welcome  
Announcements

Hymn of Invocation #563

Reception of New Members  
(10:30 am)

Invocation/Absolution p.184

#### Word

Introit *Bulletin*

Kyrie/Gloria in Excelsis p.186

Collect of the Day

Old Testament *Reverse*

Epistle *Reverse*

Alleluia P. 190

Holy Gospel *Reverse*

Nicene Creed p.191

Hymn of the Day #562

Sermon

Offertory p. 192

Offering (*In back of the Sanctuary*)

Godspeed for Military Service  
(8:00 am)

Prayers *Bulletin*

#### Sacrament

Communion Announcement

Preface p.194

Distribution #642, #632, #625,  
#618, #627

Nunc Dimittis p.199

Godspeed for Members (8:00 am)

Benediction

Departing Hymn #918