

# JESUS

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**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 4, 2021

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## Called to Tell the Truth

### As We Gather

When Israel was in exile, God called Ezekiel to speak for Him to tell the truth to Israel. The Lord made no promises about results, but at least the people would recognize that a prophet had been among them. After His hometown did not believe His Messiahship, Jesus still sent out the Twelve to the surrounding towns. Not only did He instruct them about what to do or say, He also prepared them for rejection and how to respond to it. Now it is our turn, as we are called to tell others the truth about sin and grace. But we might think we are not up to the task. Here, Paul is our model, for he was well aware of his limitations, including his thorn in the flesh. Rather than keep silent, he spoke and wrote, confident that God's power was made perfect in weakness. Our worship today is a reminder that above all else, the truth reveals God's great love for us in Christ.

## + PREPARATION +

### Opening Hymn 914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the  
2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed  
3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,  
4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us  
all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed  
dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:  
work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our  
With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst  
"Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will  
Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.  
from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!  
shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."  
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- 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.**
- P** Your people, O God, were a rebellious people in Ezekiel's day.  
**C** **We, too, have rebelled against Your good and gracious will. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and action. Forgive us and open our ears to Your promises.**
- P** In great love, God sends His word of mercy and forgiveness. Now He uses Word and Sacrament and one another to assure us of the grace that is readily available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## Introit

- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
**C** **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**
- P** For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
**C** **he has desired it for his dwelling place:**
- P** "This is my resting place forever;  
**C** **here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**
- P** I will abundantly bless her provisions;  
**C** **I will satisfy her poor with bread.**
- P** Her priests I will clothe with salvation,  
**C** **and her saints will shout for joy."**
- C** **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.**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
**C** **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

## Kyrie

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For peace in our hearts and calm in our nation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For peace among nations, growth in the Church, unity of faith, and proclamation among all believers, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**P** For ourselves gathered here and all who join us wherever they are, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**P** Help us in our weakness, comfort us in setbacks, and defend us from all evil, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.

**C** **Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures;**

**P** through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Mark 6:13*

- P** Alleluia. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick
- C** **and healed them. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:1–13*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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## Sermon

### 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 His 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 at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped 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**

**P** Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves and our nation, and for all people in their various circumstances.

For peace and harmony between nations,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For bountiful harvests and an end to malnutrition and hunger,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For human dignity and ample clothing and shelter,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For wise leaders, alert armed forces, and compassionate first responders,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For the bold proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate care for the poor,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For new insights into the workings of God's good creation,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For answers to the prayers of *Hedy, Kathleen, Alicia, Sheila, Sallyann, Kathie, Lou, Jean, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Rory, Jean, Ray, Rod, Sharlene, Fran, Wally, Janna. Maria, Andrew, John, and Rev. Dave Barber and his family* and all who call to God for healing, comfort, or any other need,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For these and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, that You would grant them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**C Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

- P** 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

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- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

### Words of Our Lord

## Proclamation of Christ

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

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.**

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**We share in the True Body and true Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,  
The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.  
The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,  
The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.  
The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing  
To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## **Weekly Announcements**

### **Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies**

**Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm online.**

***ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church.*** This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 12 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

### **Breeze Update**

For those of you who have a Breeze account, we have activated another feature to give you access to member directory information. Simply log in to your account, click on the people tab and you get info. You can obtain birthday info via the Filter drop down on the left. Select more options. If you have questions about Breeze or need help setting up an account, please contact Jim Burmeister at **(847) 343-3798** or **(847) 934-5963**.

### **Prayer Request Information:**

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: [elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org).

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### **Website**

Our website: [ourRedeemerProspectHeights.org](http://ourRedeemerProspectHeights.org) contains links for in person worship registration, Livestream online worship, Bible Studies, Bulletins and Monthly News, and Online Giving. Check it often.

### **Worship Updates**

Please check the July Monthly News for updated information regarding Worship.

### **Call Committee Updates**

Please check the July Monthly News for updated information regarding the Call Committee progress.

### **Offering Envelopes**

Just a reminder, if you are running low on Offering envelopes, you can see Laurie before or after Worship today.

### **Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List**

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (Cannellini, Northern, White, etc. green not needed) Flour, Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Pancake Mix. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

### **Are you a Thrivent Member?**

Have you directed your Choice Dollars? Please remember to check your Thrivent account at least on an annual basis and indicate where you would like to have them directed. Both Our Redeemer and Sonshine are included in the recognized recipients and would appreciate being designated. Thrivent provides this free of charge to members, so remember to take advantage of their generosity!

### **Update from your Parish RN Helpers**

The "Two Sues" can now visit you at home if you wish, or continue visiting by phone. We can give you a ride to church if you'd like to worship in person, or receive communion by appt from Pastor Jim on a Tuesday. Concerns, comments, ideas? Please call us: Sue Perek 224-558-6544 or Sue Schroeder 847-609-9860.

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### **SUMMER SUPPER UPDATES/NEEDS**

We are happy to report that we have been able to supply meals to many more disadvantaged individuals in our community this year. As a result, we are now in need of more extra snack items, such as: Individual snack packs (i.e. chips, cookies, pretzels, etc.), small water bottles, small Gatorade bottles, nutrigrain/granola bars, and small hand sanitizers. Any questions, please see Traudy or Stacey Hall.

### **Coffee-And...**

We will continue holding Coffee-And... on a weekly basis.  
Feel free to bring treats. Coffee will be provided for you.

# July 2021



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## July Happenings

- July 4 9:00 am – The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost With Communion
- July 7 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com
- July 8 6:00 pm – ORLC Summer Suppers
- July 11 9:00 pm - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost No Communion
- July 14 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com
- July 18 9:00 am – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost With Communion
- July 21 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com
- July 25 9:00 am – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost No Communion
- July 28 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com

