

goals. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power. My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy. I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

### **Prayer for Spiritual Formation**

**Leader:** Gracious & Loving God,  
May we truly be and become the priesthood You desire for us to be in the world  
But not of the world for Your Gospel imperative  
May we shake off the dust of those who will not listen or come to know You  
May we continue to stay focused in all our ministries efforts  
Forgive our frailties as we continue to grow & be shaped by Your will and Precepts. *(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

**ALL: AMEN**

Lord, free us and make us one. *(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

**ALL: AMEN**

### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired from Luther's prayer #126—For a More Charitable Feeling Toward Neighbors)*

Leader: O Dear God, change me by Your Grace... In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

† Thank you for worshiping with us! †

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### **GATHERING WE CONFESS**

(Inspired by Psalm 123; Collect from 'We Believe'66 The New Obedience; #14—Praise to God for Blessings through Jesus Christ & #31—That God's Will, Not Ours, Be Done & Setting 3 from the LCMS hymnal)

*(Please stand if able)*

**Leader:** “O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death and the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son, Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil and hell. For this I rejoice, praise and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure Grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, death and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to Him. Amen.”

**ALL:** <sup>2b</sup> ... so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us. <sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. <sup>4</sup>Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, through the offering of Jesus Christ, Your Good work is known. Now accept the offering of ourselves to His Way and Truth, as our good work of joy and thanksgiving, for the salvation accomplished for us by Him.

Let us Confess with Luther—

**ALL:** “It grieves us that we fail to understand and receive Your good help. O Father, give us Grace, and let Your will be done in us. Even if it hurts us, continue to correct and do whatever You desire. Your will be done, not ours. Defend us, Dear Father, and let us not undertake or do anything by our own conceit, intent and volition. Our will opposes Yours. Your will alone is good, even if it does not seem good to us. Our will is evil, though it may appear good. Amen.”

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*The Grace Hub*

† Sunday Morning Worship †  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Leader:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the

name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **ALL: AMEN**

*(Please make the sign of the Cross) †*

**Scripture Lessons for the Morning** *(please be seated)*

**A Reading from The Prophet Ezekiel** *(Don't read this aloud: Ezekiel 2:1-5)*

<sup>1</sup>He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

**A Reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians**

*(Don't read this aloud: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10)*

<sup>1</sup>It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a person 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 such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

*(Don't read this aloud: Mark 6:1-13) Please Stand*

**ALL: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being 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>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>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 ordered 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 to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as 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 all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon by Pastor Nicole**

PEACE

PRAYER CIRCLE

HYMN OF THE DAY

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!*

**LORD'S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.**

*(Please be seated)*

**The Disciple's Creed** *(Based on a young Zimbabwe pastor)*

**ALL:** I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed