

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, July 11, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Tim Laatsch; Organist & Choir Director: Dean Manuel

Crucifer: Kingston Koester; Acolyte: Garrett Flood; Book Bearer: Easton Caraway

Ushers: Jeff Alwardt, Ray Braasch, Jason Koester

Preservice Music

Ringing of Bells

Prelude – *Children of the Heavenly Father*

– Edward Broughton – Traditional Swedish Tune



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Please stand

♪ **Versicles** (*Common*)

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PSALMODY ♪

♪ **Antiphon** (*Proper 3-7, Trinity 1-8*)

P: The Lord has gathered us in the true faith.

C: O come, let us worship Him.

♪ **Venite** – “*O Come Let Us Sing*”

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♪ **Antiphon** (*Proper 3-7, Trinity 1-8*)

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Additional Psalm for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 19 (antiphon: v.8) (congregation responds with the words in bold)

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,

rejoicing | the heart;*

the commandment of the LORD is pure,

enlightening | the eyes;

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

²Day to day | pours out speech,*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor | are there words,*

whose voice | is not heard.

⁴Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom | leaving his | chamber,*

and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviv- | ing the soul;*
**the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the | simple;**

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing | the heart;*
**the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening | the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for- | ever;*
**the just decrees of the LORD are true,
and righteous alto- | gether.**

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even | much fine gold;*
**sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the | honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover, by them is your | servant warned;*
in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²Who can dis- | cern his errors?*
Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion | over me!*

**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great trans- | gression.**

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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(Please be seated)

Office Hymn LSB #562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

Readings from Holy Scripture

P: A reading from Exodus the twentieth chapter.

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“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. ⁵You 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, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“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.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath 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. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“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.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: A reading from Romans, the sixth chapter.

Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

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

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Remain seated)

P: A reading from St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. *Matthew 5:17-26*

¹⁷“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. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore 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.

²⁰“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But 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. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come 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. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ **Responsory** (*Common*)

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Sermon Text: Matthew 5:17-26

♪ **Canticle** - ♪ **Te Deum** – *We Praise You, O God*

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Offering (*Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*)

(please stand)

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

(The congregation will stand and sing the first two stanzas of #781 as the offering is brought forward.)

PRAYERS

♪ **Kyrie**

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The Lord's Prayer

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♪ **Collects**

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Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

P: Let us pray: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ *Amen*

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: *Amen*

Collect for Grace

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P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ *Amen*

♪ **Benedicamus** - ♪ **Benediction**

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Closing Hymn LSB #819 *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

July 2021 Hymn of the Month

(Please be seated)

Announcements

Postlude