



*The work of the Holy  
Spirit continues . . . .*

*Acts 6:1-8*

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***Second Sunday After Pentecost***

June 19/22, 2022

Jon Pedersen, Pastor

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Sue Hoff, Vicar

David Rhodes, Organist

**Prelude**

*“Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost”*

Arr. Marcel Dupré

**Opening Hymn**

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

ELW 574

**Confession and Absolution**

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. **Amen**

**Kyrie**

L: We pray for the peace that comes from you: your peace for our broken world, your peace that brings well-being to your church, your peace that brings the unity of all. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

***“O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT”***

(ELW 714)

*1. O God of mercy, God of light,  
In love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in your sight,  
To live our lives in you.*

L: We pray for our salvation. We pray for all our sisters and brothers who have gathered here today in order to worship. Pour out your grace and make us whole again. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*2. You sent your Son to die for all  
That our lost world might hear your call;  
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!  
We rest our hope in you.*

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God. Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*3. And may your Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love,  
Till you receive in heav'n above  
All those who live in you.*

**Hymn of Praise**

***“JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE”***

(ELW 836)

*1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!*

*2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,*

*Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Reading: Acts 6:1-8**

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

L: Word of God, Word of Light     **C: Thanks Be to God!**

### **Message**

Vicar Sue Hoff

### **Hymn of Day**

*"In Christ There is No East or West"*

ELW 650

### **Baptisms:**

+ *Diana Dziadkowiec* + *Khemchada (Bella) Pomsuk* +  
+ *Jessica Kos* +

Pastor Jon Pederson

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Announcements**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

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.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Lamb of God**

### **Communion Distribution**

*"We Believe"*

Praise Band

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

ELW 781

### **Sending Hymn**

*"Rise Up"*

Praise Band

### **Sending**

L: You have been called. You have been gathered. You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

### **C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

*"Postlude for Whitsunday (Pentecost)"*

Eric H. Thiman