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Mark 6:5-6

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM Service
July 4, 2021
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Saint Paul Lutheran Church



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Opening Song

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

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. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.'

And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!
For from him and through him
and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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. 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. 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—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—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.

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of 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 becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

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. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 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? 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. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 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.”

So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 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.

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 sub-stance 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.

You may be seated

Sermon Song

Sermon “Powerless Omnipotence”
Mark 6:1-13
Pastor Steve Richardson

Notes

Offering

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God,
we confess that we are
by nature sinful and unclean.
We have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and
by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves.
We justly deserve
Your present and eternal punishment.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways
to the glory of Your holy name.**

Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9-13

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.

Passing of the Peace

Distribution/Communion

Post-Communion Blessing

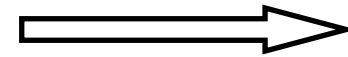
Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song

Nothing to see here
but look over there



ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Blessings
on your homeward way

Announcements
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Mexican Train Dominoes - Sat, July 10 @6:30

Dominoes... It's not just a pizza joint.
Come play Mexican Train Dominoes or just hang out.
Bring a snack to share.
No experience required...for the game or the snack.

Youth Group Yard Sale - July 10, Sat 7:00 a.m.

Fundraiser to help make their way to the
the National Youth Gathering. Please bring your
gently used items to the Fellowship hall. Weekday
drop off times are being coordinated. Keep an eye on
your email for more info.

In need of Prayer?

The Prayer Chain has been reactivated.
Contact Janice Mather - 277-1915

Montgomery Area Food Bank Tour

If you are interested in helping those in need.
There will be a tour the Food Bank facilities
July 8 @ 1:30
Contact Pastor Elam for more info

Bible Study/Fellowship

Open to All
July 21 @ 9:30 in the fellowship hall

Check out the Calendar:

<https://www.stpaulmontgomery.org/calendar>

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