

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 2, 2023**  
**Pastor - Rev. Diane Dardon**  
**Organist/Music Director - Lori Free**

Organ Prelude and Pastor's Greeting

Opening Hymn: **#888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

Order of Worship: pages 94-96, 147-150

Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

*Response after the announcement:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Response after the conclusion:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day: **#887 This Is My Song**

Apostle's Creed: page 105 (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession - Celebrate

Offertory: Hymn 186 in Service Music - "Create in me..."

Words of Institution and Communion

Lord's Prayer (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Communion Hymn: **My Country 'Tis of Thee** (see insert from LBW)

Sending Song: **#890 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

Dismissal

**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS**  
**CELEBRATING OUR 141st YEAR**  
**IN HIS SERVICE**  
**1882 - 2023**

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***We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today.***

*If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.*

**All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.**

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and follow our worship service live, and archived,  
on the web site.**

## Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. For (*local bodies of water and*) all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For (*national elected leaders and*) presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of

freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill (*especially*). For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for (*names and*) all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## Preparing for Next Week

**Monday** (Thomas, Apostle) John 14:1-7. **Tuesday** 1 John 4:1-6. **Wednesday** Matthew 11:20-24. **Thursday** (commemoration of Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415) Psalm 145:8-14. **Friday** Zechariah 2:6-13. **Saturday** Luke 10:21-24. **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

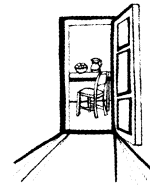
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# Celebrate

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*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this

word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."



Your love, O LORD, for - ev - er will I sing.

Your love, O LORD, forever <sup>1</sup> will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro-<sup>1</sup>claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab-<sup>1</sup>lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant with my <sup>1</sup> chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da-<sup>1</sup>vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your <sup>1</sup> line forever,**

**and preserve your throne for all <sup>1</sup> generations.” R**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the <sup>1</sup> festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light <sup>1</sup> of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily <sup>1</sup> in your name;**

**they are jubilant <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory <sup>1</sup> of their strength,

and by your favor our might <sup>1</sup> is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;**

**our king to the Holy <sup>1</sup> One of Israel. R**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you

were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous per-

son in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”