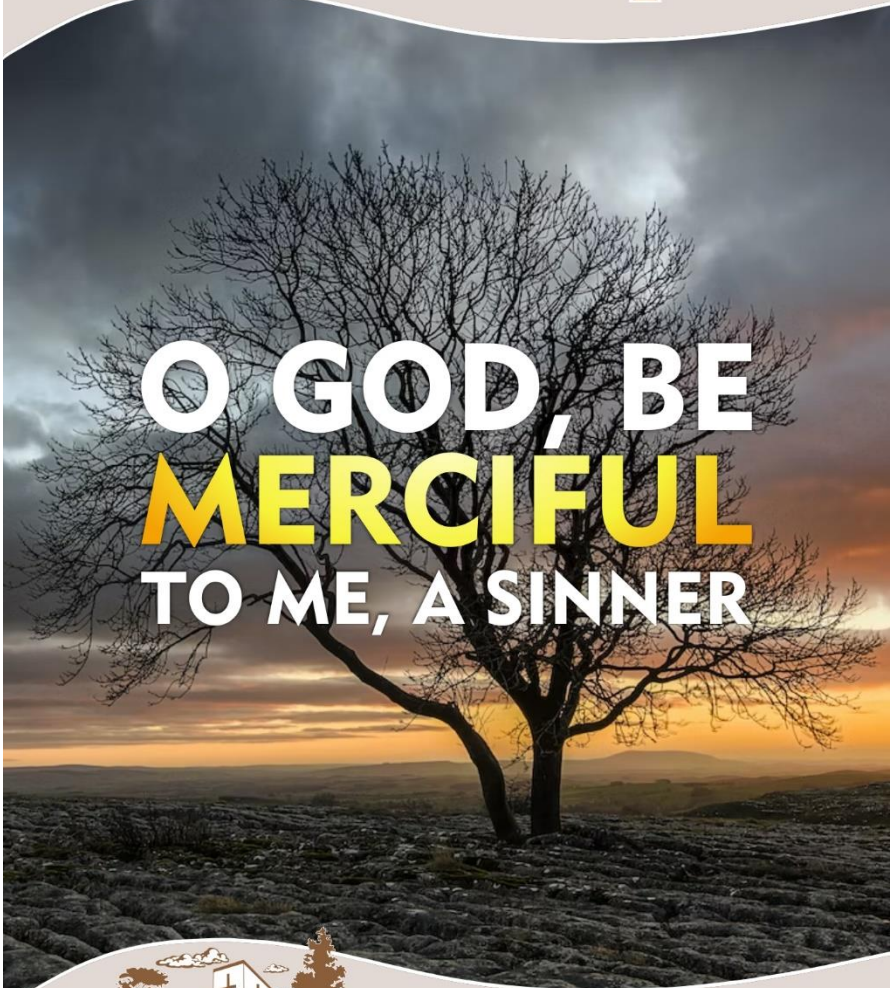


June 18, 2023  
2nd Sunday after Trinity

A large, leafless tree stands on a rocky, uneven hillside. The background shows a sunset or sunrise with a warm orange glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky above. The tree's branches are intricate and spread out across the frame.

O GOD, BE  
**MERCIFUL**  
TO ME, A SINNER



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #779

*"Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ Amen.

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**Confession of Our Sins**

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*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**P** Behold the Father's love, *(John 3:17)*

**C** **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

**P** Behold the Son's grace, *(Matthew 20:28)*

**C** **The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**

**P** Behold the Spirit's patient teaching, *(1 Corinthians 2:12)*

**C** **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

**P** Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**C** **Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.**

**P** Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.

**C** **We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.**

Hymn: TLH #323

*"With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"*

**C** ♪ **With broken heart and contrite sigh,**

**A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.**

**Your pardoning grace is rich and free, --**

**O God, be merciful to me!**

**Nor alms nor deeds that I have done,  
Can for a single sin atone.  
To Calvary alone I flee, --  
O God, be merciful to me!**

**P** God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)*

**G** ♪ **And now, redeemed from sin and hell,  
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,  
My raptured song shall ever be,  
God has been merciful to me!**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all Creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

### **Collect Prayer of the Day**

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

**P** Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** ♪ **Amen.**

### **Exodus 3:10-15**

<sup>10</sup> "Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the

people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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## I BELIEVE...

**in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the**

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #342

*"Chief of Sinners, Though I Be"*

## Mark 2:13-17

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. <sup>15</sup> And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

### What's Your Diagnosis?

I. You can be too "healthy" for the Great Physician. . .

II. But you can never be too sick!

### The Offertory

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

**☩** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #324:1-2, 6-8

*"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"*

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

## The Order of Holy Communion



**P** In keeping with the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:16, *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ,”* as well as in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, which cautions us that: *“Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”*—let us then, humbly, examine our hearts: Do you confess that you are a sinner before God and deserve His wrath and punishment? Then declare it by saying, “I do confess.”

### **C I do confess.**

**P** Do you humbly seek the Lord's forgiveness, believing that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all of your sins? Then declare it by saying: “I do believe.”

### **C I do believe.**

**P** Be assured, your Father in heaven, looks upon you with mercy for Jesus' sake. His Son was wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities. As the Word of God declares: *“God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”* (2 Cor. 5:21) May the Lord comfort your hearts. In Jesus, you are forgiven! Do you in humble faith recognize that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus are truly present together with the bread and the wine in this blessed sacrament? Then declare it by saying: “By faith, I do recognize and believe.”

### **C By faith, I do recognize and believe.**

**P** Finally, as a forgiven child of God, do you intend, with the strength of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life and to put away the sin that so easily entangles and leads you away from our Lord? Then declare it by saying: “I do so intend, with the help of Christ.”

**C I do so intend, with the help of Christ.**

**P** Receive then this sacrament with joy, comfort, and peace!  
In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠**

*Following the Distribution, the Nunc Dimittus on the next page will be sung to the tune of TLH #15.*

**C** *♪ "Lord, let Your servant now depart,  
With peace and joy within my heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
According to Your Holy Word,  
I've seen salvation from the Lord! Alleluia! (x4)*

*Continued →*

**The Promised One has come for all,  
For Gentiles and for Isra-el, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Light to lighten all the blind,  
God's glory for the heart and mind." Alleluia! (x4)**

**The Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**G** *♫ Amen, amen, a – men.*

**Hymn: TLH #334**

*"Let Me Be Thine Forever"*

**Pastor will be out of town** this week with his family for the funeral of Kathy Schaller and for CLC Pastoral Conference. If you need to contact me, please feel free to do so!

**Bible Class Schedule:** Due to Pastor's travel, see below.

<b>Yes, we have Bible Class</b>	<b>No, there is NO Bible Class</b>
Sun., June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wed., June 21 <sup>st</sup>
Sun., June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed., June 28 <sup>th</sup>
Sun., July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun., July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wed., July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wed., July 5 <sup>th</sup>
	Sun., July 9 <sup>th</sup>
	Wed., July 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Sun., July 16 <sup>th</sup>
	Wed., July 19 <sup>th</sup>

**June 11<sup>th</sup> Offerings:**

Weekly Offerings needed for budget

**\$ 1,566.75**

General Fund Balance

\$ 1,661.54

Faith-Blue Springs Balance

\$19,411.04

**Total Cash All Funds**

\$37,394.59

**\$72,785.47**