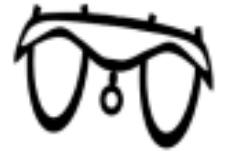


# The Word of God

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



July 5, 2026

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## Prayer of the Day

O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

(L): The Word of the Lord.

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

**Lessons for Next Week:**  
Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-14;  
Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## **Psalm 145:1-15\***

- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King,\*  
and bless your name forever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you\***  
**and praise your Name forever and ever.**
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;\*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another\***  
**and shall declare your power.**
- <sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty\*  
and all your marvelous works.
- <sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,\***  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**
- <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;\*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,\***  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD is loving to everyone\*  
and his compassion is over all his works.
- <sup>10</sup>**All your works praise you, O LORD,\***  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**
- <sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom\*  
and speak of your power;
- <sup>12</sup>**That the peoples may know of your power\***  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;\*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- <sup>14</sup>**The LORD is faithful in all his words\***  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**
- <sup>15</sup>The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

## **Second Reading: : Romans 7:14-25a**

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not

do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

(L): The Word of the Lord.

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th Chapter.

(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

<sup>25</sup>Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.

(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**