

Family Worship for the Second Sunday after Pentecost – June 14, 2020

Leader / Response

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.** (*Ps 124:8*)

If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand before you?

But with you is forgiveness; therefore, you are adored. (*Ps130:3-4*)

As we gather to hear God's Word, let us open our hearts to God and confess our sins, trusting in his infinite mercy for forgiveness and asking for his Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

Almighty God, have mercy on me, hear this my confession, forgive all my sins, and renew me by your Holy Spirit for right living. (*Silent confession*)

In Holy Baptism our merciful God has declared us to be his royal children and forgives our sins for Jesus' sake, our risen Savior and Lord. Give praise now to the Lord of heaven and earth and live joyfully as his witnesses in the world. **Amen**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

²**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Come into his presence with singing!

³Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN [All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!](#) (*with Lyrics; English/Hindi*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. **Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, for He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING – Exodus 19:2-8

SECOND READING – Romans 5:6-15

GOSPEL VERSE (*Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can*)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 9. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 9:35-10:8

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN [Living for Jesus](#) (*with Lyrics*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING PRESENTATION (*Spoken; LBW #512, st.2*)

Oh, blest that house where faith is found,

And all in charity abound;

To trust their God and serve him still,

And do in all his holy will.

PRAYERS (*See Prayer Sheet*)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING (*Romans 15:13*)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

[Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us](#)

EXTRA

[Fill the Tank](#)

[Trusting God in Difficult Times - Psalm 11](#) (*Series of Meditations by Tim Keller*)

READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Ch.10: ¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

PRAYERS

Creator God, time and space dwell in your eternal presence, but we are dull in perceiving your glory. Open the eyes of the human race to see in your wondrous creation the greatness of your being and power. Let every person acknowledge your divine image within themselves, and in every other person, that we may hold every life sacred before you. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge sin has come into the world through disobedience and we confess its presence in our own lives. Yet we thank you for the gift of Christ's obedience which has made us righteous and we ask for your Spirit's help to live always in the grace of our salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Lord God, your Son came to us by the authority of your love to work salvation for the world. In the Great Commission he bids us to go out into the harvest field of humanity and make disciples of all nations. Fill our hearts with that same divine love, that we may preach the gospel and bring healing to those who are harassed and wounded in our world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for our nation as it faces the deep challenges of overcoming racial disharmony and the continuing Covid disease. Let those who know your love show forth your love in word and deed. Bless the continuing work of our medical communities. Keep steady those whose duties serve the public good and raise up leaders who will call us to righteousness and humility before you. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Grant travel mercies upon all who are vacationing and traveling these summer months. Renew us in our rest, O Lord, that we may continue to be your eager servants. Strengthen our family bonds as we play and keep us all in the circle of your redeeming love. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our Prayer for Mary Jane Duff, hospitalized and in need of your tender care. Grant healing and strength for her body and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer to strengthen the marriage and family life of Hiland and Rye. Ground them in the mercy of your love, help them to see your will and good pleasure in their marriage covenant, and show them the way of mutual service and faithfulness to one another. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Pam Moore who has been injured in a fall and has undergone surgery. We cry out to you that you bring healing to her spine and take her into your strong hands and carry her safely through this time of crisis and pain. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for continued help and healing in the lives of Thomas and Charles and Greg and Marcus and Robie and Amy and Eddie and Judi and for all whom we hold dear in our hearts: (Silent prayers) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we have prayed, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for June 14, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help

Pam Moore, surgery after a bad fall (B. Helmly, 6.13.2020)
Hiland & Rye, life problems (R. Stephenson, 6.7.2020)
Mary Jane Duff, hospitalized for heart problems (K. Hall, 6.7.2020)
Thomas Owens, hospitalized St. Joes (C. Garner, 6.1.2020)
Greg Hall, hospitalized in Charleston (J. Hall, 5.31.20)
Robie Hester, recovering from bypass surgery (M. Reiser, 5.31.20)
Amy Holcomb, health (S. Hobbs, 5.31.20)
Charles DiSalvo, hospitalized at Memorial. (K. Disalvo, 5.31.20)
Eddie Helmey, Covid-19 diagnosis (G. Helmey & A. Lowe, 5.24)
Darius Prescott, Cutter & Cassie, recovering from auto accident (5.17.2020)
Jason Pridgen, liver troubles, friend of Betty Robinson (5.17.2020)
JW Porter, multiple health problems, cousin of Brenda Dasher (5.17.2020)
Sheila Saxon, hospitalized with blood problems (Aunt to Karen Hall, 5.17)
Izzy Wilkins, had a tumor removed from her stomach (friend of Halls, 5.17)
Marcus Zeigler: cancer (son of David & Connie Z, 3.17.2020)
Clyde Johnson, pneumonia (Father of Natalie M, 5.10)
Children and Parents in families that are stressed to breaking points of violence and despair (5.3)
Judi Zipperer, recovering at home from a heart procedure (4.26)
Jason Patterson (friend of S. Everett, 4.19)
Betty Weathers (sister of Mary Dasher): whose daughter Tina died this past week. (4.19)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement

Bobby Exley and family on death of daughter, Teresa (J. Arnsdorff, 6.7.2020)
Stacey York and family upon death of her mother Annette (A. Terry, 6.6.2020)
Family of Franklin Davis killed in vehicle accident on Zittrouer Rd (S. White, 5.17.2020)
Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)
Family of Laura Brown (S. Smith, 4.20)
Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton
Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C.Zeigler); Ryland Hampton, Michael Hubbard(A.M.Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer(Lakeview Manor); Helen Zeigler (Eff Care Center); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer; Betty Greenwood (Home), Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

“When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)

A pastor is a shepherd. His or her calling is to shepherd the flock. But it is not just pastors who are shepherds; we all have shepherding roles in various areas of our lives, including our church lives. As Lutherans, we confess that we believe in the priesthood of all believers, but we might also affirm the priesthood of all believers. How can we all be better shepherds?

Let’s consider pastors first. Shepherding has many aspects including the care and nurture of people, which many pastors do well. However, it also includes leading and protecting the flock, which many pastors fail at. There are two reasons for this failure: fear and ignorance. Many pastors are so afraid of conflict that they suppress truth to maintain peace. Second, in dealing with controversial issues, many pastors don’t know what the proper course of action is. Why? Because they don’t know how to apply God’s law, except to the most obvious issues of personal morality. For many, the law is just a theological set up for the gospel, not a moral guide for all of life.

But what about laypeople? They also have shepherding responsibilities. And often, they too are paralyzed by the same fear and ignorance. They avoid conflict like the plague, and don’t know how to adjudicate conflict Biblically. As a result, they contribute to the unhealthy dynamics of their churches, making it harder for their pastors to fulfill their shepherding obligations to them.

So, whether we are pastors or laypeople, let’s become better shepherds. Let’s nurture, guide, and protect others, especially in the midst of conflict. Conflict is a normal part of life; avoiding or suppressing it only makes it worse. But when we handle it properly, we all grow stronger. For this to happen, however, we must know how to adjudicate conflict Biblically and how to speak the truth in love.

Many people today are harassed like sheep without a shepherd. We have a gospel opportunity to serve others in the name of the Good Shepherd!

Prayer: Lord, give us the courage and the knowledge to handle conflict in a godly way that we might shepherd others.

BLC NEWS & NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are given by Connie Bazemore.

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Altar Care: Travis Bazemore

Lector: Travis Bazemore

GRITS YARD SALE NEWS

We are still collecting for yard sale – so hold on to your “treasures” or get with Debra Jones about storing them.

LOCAL FLORISTS

Shirley Hogan, 858-0910; New Life, 826-4261; Joanne’s, 754-9116

PLAN AHEAD

6/8 Church Council Mtg 6:30PM

6/8 Fellowship Hall Rented – Elections Board

6/9 Fellowship Hall Rented – Elections Board

6/10 Fellowship Hall Rented – Elections Board

8/2 Blessing of the Backpacks - Worship

8/2 WOW Meeting at Laurel Hill

8/9 Sunday School Kick-off

8/24 Annual GRITS Mtg

Bless His Name!

Find the 33 **bold** words from Psalm 100:1-5 (ESV).

A W V Z G S S E L B E S E H J
G N I V I G S K N A H T R A E
U Q K H Z H E T R E N Z T Y Y
R P R E S E N C E B M W G V I
D A V V I E L P V A W O N K C
A S W E N D U R E S D U C A E
Y T S T G O F C R L U F Y O J
S U E E I O H F O Q P Z A O S
R R R M N G T W F E N O I S E
U E V I G D I N L V C G E O T
A G E N E R A T I O N S B P A
Q Z E D M O F L U L I L D T G
I X F P A L C R G A G P F Z K
B N I W N M T E R R H X Q Y Z
P J I D K S M P U U T X L H B

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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The Harvest Is Plentiful

Find the 36 **bold** words from Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1 (ESV).

Y N I G P Y T I R O H T U A V
A O X S F S L E P S O G B U I
R I O P E K V T P C F L W L L
P S S V R O G H S O R Y E U L
E S R E R O B A L E R O F W A
E A F F L I C T I O N I W D G
H P S S E L P L E H T R I D E
S M S E U G O G A N Y S A M S
N O U I K W N R E I C L A E H
E C S T M I A L D I M H J C H
V Z E I H S P S P I R I T S K
L E J C S S Q L M O D G N I K
E I A E S H E P H E R D E G G
W E D N E S A E S I D G W T Z
T U N C L E A N D E L L A C N

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

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