

## Family Worship for the Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 21, 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 91:1-10

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>**I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my  
fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the  
fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>**He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>**You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your dwelling  
place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

<sup>10</sup>**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.**

**HYMN** [Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty](#) (*with Lyrics*)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, **so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**FIRST READING** – Jeremiah 20:7-13

**SECOND READING** – Romans 6:12-33

**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 10. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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

## MESSAGE

**HYMN** [Children of the Heavenly Father](#) *(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 #502, st.1)*

Thee will I love, my strength, my tow'r; Thee will I love, my joy, my crown!

**Thee will I love with all my pow'r, In all thy works and thee alone;**

Thee will I love, till the pure fire

**Fills all my soul with chaste desire.**

### **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** [On What Has Now Been Sown](#)

#### **EXTRA**

[Pastor Dave: Fill the Tank](#)

[The Influence of a Godly Father](#) *(Pastor John Lindell)*

## READINGS

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for 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? Are we to 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 who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, 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 lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, 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.

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33**

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

<sup>21</sup>Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

## **PRAYERS**

Gracious Father, you have called us in our baptisms to be your kingdom servants in the world. Give us courage and strength, we pray, to be faithful to your call on our lives in these present evil days. Help us to stand firm in the truth of your Word, live by the standards of your holy Will, and publicly proclaim the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Gracious Father, you are the source of our life and you provide our daily bread. We thank you for your divine fatherhood and for the godly fathers we have known in our lives. Help all those who are called father here on earth to be godly men who will provide for and protect their families. Grant them the skills and grace necessary to live as godly role models for their wives and children. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Gracious Father, we give thanks to you for the vocations you grant to all your people. Keep safe from harm and danger those who have answered the call to be our police officers, jailers, military, and first responders. Protect those fighting fires in the Western states. Protect our medical personnel who still work with Covid patients on a daily basis. Give to all these people the blessing of your strength for duty and the assurance of your ever present love. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

God of mercy, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Restore our communities, workplaces, and families from the disruption of the pandemic that has affected the whole world. Give care to those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Bring employment to those who have lost their jobs. Raise up hope for the hopeless and guide all of us in the ways of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayers for Mr. Don Hasty as he undergoes more treatments for his cancer. May he receive the care of others with gratitude and know the blessing of your hand as you place it upon him.

Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for the recovery of Mr. Thomas Owens. Keep him safe and comfortable at his home and continue to pour out your daily blessings upon him and his family.

Hear our prayers for continued help and healing in the lives of those we lift to you from our hearts: (Silent prayers) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Gracious Father, into your strong hands we commend all for whom we have prayed, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **PRAYERS FOR JUNE 21, 2020**

### **Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help**

Don Hasty undergoing cancer treatments (D. Vorel, 6.18.20)  
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

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.” -Matthew 10:29-31

These verses are part of a passage in which Jesus sends his disciples into a hostile world. He says that he is sending them as sheep among wolves and that they will experience conflict. Men will deliver them to the courts and flog them in the synagogues. They will be dragged before governors and kings to bear witness before them. And even members of their own families will rise up against them and deliver them over to death.

To prepare them for the coming conflict, Jesus gives them some instructions and a promise. He tells them to be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves. He tells them to flee persecution if possible. He tells them not to worry about what to say before rulers because God will give them the wisdom to speak when and as they need it. Finally, he tells them to speak the truth boldly.

However, he also gives them a promise. God, who knows creation intimately, will be with them personally and will guide them providentially. God has the hairs of their heads numbered and notices when even a sparrow falls to the ground. Therefore, God certainly knows the disciples’ circumstances, for they are worth more than many sparrows. He has secured their salvation and will guide them in their paths.

This promise speaks to us today, for we too face a hostile culture. We have gone from being a Christian nation to a nation in apostasy. Biblical law no longer undergirds our morality. Indeed, as Christianity is marginalized, Biblical values are increasingly called into question. As a result, religious, political, and economic liberties are under attack. Even our freedom of speech is stifled by various groups who threaten us with physical injury or property damage. They call this “direct action.”

At times like this, we rejoice that God has the hairs of our heads numbered and is in control of our circumstances. We can therefore speak the truth confidently, knowing that the God who brings life out of death can also turn our momentary defeats into long term victories.

Prayer: Lord, comfort us with your loving presence. Amen.

**BLC NEWS & NOTES**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** -- Today's flowers are given by Jennifer & Warren Blanton in honor of Warren Blanton, Mark Batchelor, and all the fathers in the church.

**FATHER'S DAY** -- Happy Father's Day to all the Dads here at Bible Lutheran. Thank you for being a positive role model for your children, a worthy partner for your wife, and a faith leader in your home!

**GRITS YARD SALE NEWS** -- We are still collecting for our yard sale – so hold on to your “treasures” or get with Debra Jones about storing them.

**ADDRESS UPDATE FOR RITA SEYLER** -- Rita was not able to move into the apartment she had planned to occupy so she has found another one. The address is: 602 Mountain Stone Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823. She may be contacted at: phone (814)441-4632 e-mail: Rmes08@yahoo.com

**PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE** – Well, it's been a couple of years since our church photo directory was distributed and there have been several changes in membership and in our church families since that time, so we are in the process of working to get a new directory out this fall. If you are a member who was not in our previous directory, if your family did not get their picture taken before, or if your family has changed and the old picture needs a do-over, please let us know. You can submit a picture electronically to blc.rincon@gmail.com, or if you need a photo taken, we can do that too. If your picture from before still represents the folks in your home and you are happy with it, we can use the photo from before. The deadline for submitting new photos will be July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>May-20</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$107,790.91	\$63,667.00	(\$15,558.78)	\$155,899.13
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$66,735.33	\$100.00	(\$6,000.00)	\$60,835.33
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	\$3,340.03	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$3,340.33
<b>Theological Fund</b>	\$3,647.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,647.20
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	\$7,515.85	\$0.13	\$0.00	\$7,515.98
<b>Youth Fund</b>	\$15,069.61	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$15,569.61
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$204,098.93</b>	<b>\$64,267.43</b>	<b>(\$21,558.78)</b>	<b>\$246,807.58</b>

**Designated in Building Fund**

<b>Parking Lot Lights:</b>	\$14,000.00
<b>General Fund Donations for May 2020</b>	\$63,667.00
<b>Monthly General Fund Requirement -</b>	<b>\$17,727.08</b>
<b>Over/(Short) General Fund for May 2020</b>	<b>\$45,939.92</b>

## The Hairs of Your Head

Find the 30 bold words from Matthew 10:27–33 (ESV).

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

What I tell you in the **dark**, say in the **light**, and what you **hear** **whispered**, **proclaim** on the **housetops**. And do not **fear** those who **kill** the **body** but cannot kill the **soul**. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in **hell**. Are not **two sparrows** sold for a **penny**? And not one of them will **fall** to the **ground** **apart** from your **Father**. But even the **hairs** of your **head** are **all numbered**. Fear not, therefore; you are of more **value** than **many sparrows**. So everyone who **acknowledges** me before **men**, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will **deny** before my Father who is in **heaven**.

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## Dwelling in the Shadow

Find the 41 bold words from Psalm 91:1–6, 9–10 (ESV).

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

He who dwells in the **shelter** of the **Most High** will abide in the **shadow** of the **Almighty**; I will say to the **LORD**, “My **refuge** and **stronghold**, my **fortress**, my **God**, in whom I **trust**.” For he will **deliver** you from the **snare** of the **fowler** and from the **deadly pestilence**. He will **cover** you with his **pinions**, and **under** his **wings** you will **find** **refuge**; his **faithfulness** is a **shield** and **buckler**. You will not **fear** the **terror** of the **night**, nor the **arrow** that **flies** by **day**, nor the **pestilence** that **stalks** in **darkness**, nor the **destruction** that **wastes** at **noonday**. Because you have made the **LORD** your **dwelling** place—the **Most High**, who is my **refuge**—no **evil** shall be allowed to **befall** you, no **plague** come near your **tent**.

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