

A Congregation of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

We are a <u>Reconciling in Christ</u> congregation, affirming the diversity of God's children



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Fourth Sunday after PENTECOST



Boy checking out the trekkers going through his village Myanmar, December 2015

June 28, 2020

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Welcome

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, arr. Lloyd Larson



Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. This Far by Faith

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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 13



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How long, O LORD? Will you forget | me forever? How long will you hide your | face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day | after day?

How long shall my enemy triumph | over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O | LORD my God; give light to my eyes, lest I | sleep in death;

lest my enemy say, "I | have defeated you," and my foes rejoice that | I have fallen.

But I trust in your un- | failing love; my heart is joyful because of your | saving help.

I will sing | to the LORD, who has dealt | with me richly.

Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42 (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "We are intimately linked in this work [to gain followers]. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Abba God, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God's messenger. Accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reading from the First Testament

Genesis 22:1-19

(The Jewish Study Bible, alt.)

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. God said to him, "Abraham!" and he answered, "Here I am." God said, "Take your son, your favored one, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you."

So early next morning, Abraham saddled his donkey, and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and he set out for the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his servants, "You stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go up there; we will worship and we will return to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on his son Isaac. He himself took the firestone and the knife; and the two walked off together.

The Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he answered, "Yes, my son?" And he said, "Here are the firestone and the wood; but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "God will see to the sheep for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

They arrived at the place God of which God had told him. Abraham built an altar there; he laid out the wood; he bound his son Isaac; he laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to slay his son.

Then an angel of the LORD called to him from heaven: "Abraham! Abraham!" And he answered, "Here I am." And the angel said, "Do not raise your hand against the boy, or do anything to him! For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your favored one, from me."



When Abraham looked up, his eye fell upon a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son. And Abraham named that site Adonai-yireh, which leads to the present saying, "On the mount of the LORD there is vision."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By Myself I swear, the LORD declares: Because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your favored one, I will bestow My blessing upon you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and the sands on the seashore; and your descendants shall seize the gates of their foes. And the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, because you have obeyed My command."

Abraham then returned to his servants, and they departed together for Beer-sheba; and Abraham stayed in Beer-sheba.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Lord, Here Am I

Fannie Crosby, John Ness Beck Senior Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey.
Only direct me, and I'll find my way.
Teach me the vision appointed for me.
What is my labor and where it shall be?
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply:
Ready and willing, Lord, here am I!

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross, Willing to suffer reproaches and loss, Willing to follow if Thou will but lead, Only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply: Ready and willing, Lord, here am I!

Living or dying, I still would be thine. Yet I am mortal, but Thou art divine. Pardon whenever I turn from the right, Lead me and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply: Ready and willing, Lord, Here Am I!

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Community Prayers

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Shirley and Jack Miller, Tom Comstock and family, Pastor's mother Betty Shull, in hospice care.

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Children's Time Emily Ott

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

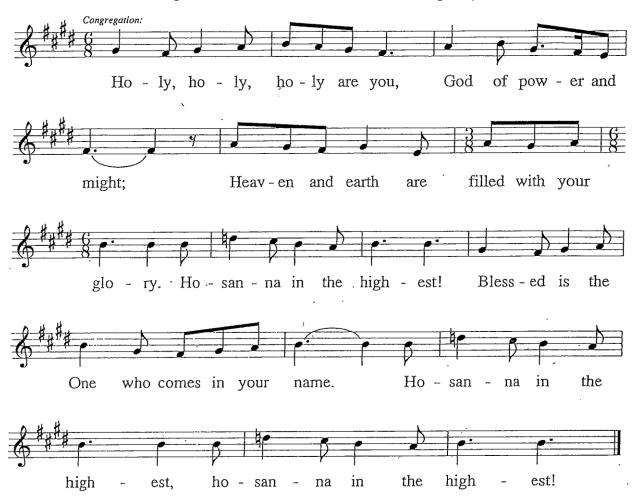
And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:



Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge and transform us. God has prepared a room for us: fire to warm our hearts, water to wash our weary feet, the table set and waiting. And now, from beyond time, the breath of the Spirit comes whispering through the fabric of time to call us in. So come ... whether your time is just beginning or many years in the marking; whether your hours are filled and fruitful or wanting and withered; whether you have invested wisely or buried your coins in the ground; for here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine – a place of timeless and timely grace.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement for the time to come. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me" And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Hear us now as, at this time, we commit ourselves to your Way, and pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our time. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened for this time and for time to come.

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit, You who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation, continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity. Spirit, You who led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. Spirit, You who transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Spirit, You whom Jesus sends as Friend, continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns and love directs all.

Amen.



WE ARE SENT



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Blessing Amen.

Postlude

Wade in the Water, arr. Mark Hayes

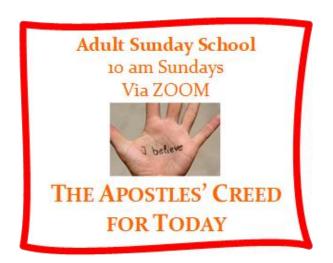
Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

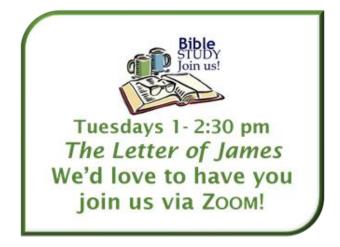
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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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> Flowers are dedicated by **Kevin Bailey** in honor of **Dad**. Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 28 – JULY 5

Today	YouTube 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Sunday School Confirmation Class at Pastor's home
Tuesday	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Zooм Bible Study Zooм Outreach Team
Wednesday		RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Saturday	9:00 am 10:00 am	Pick garden Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion Zoom Adult Sunday School



