

Worship Folder



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Grace Lutheran Church

August 15-16, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)
(the assembly stands as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

GATHERING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(the assembly stands as you are able)

GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: Lord have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

P: Lord have mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and
constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Response after first and second reading)

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(the assembly stands as you are able)

Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(the assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY “I’m-A-Goin’-a Eat at the Welcome Table”

(the assembly stands as you are able)

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

(the assembly may be seated)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)

P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(the assembly may be seated)

REFLECTION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

P: Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

SENDING HYMN

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Dale Schultz, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Jan Charter, Don Furze, Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Ann, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of sister, Karlene Trump, given by Joel & Corinne Fraley.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Altar Servers/Ushers at All Saints Catholic Parish. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partner: St. John Lutheran Church, Saginaw.

FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30

Watch the worship and then have coffee with church members

We are trying Fellowship back at the traditional time on Sunday morning. Just a different way, Zoom online.

The connection info has been sent out in an email to the entire congregation. Zoom is a very easy software to use. If you have any questions about using Zoom, please contact Pastor Tom. See you then. With your coffee or tea or juice. And catch up.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Continues with The Beloved Community Video

After the pastor gets his act together and actually sends out the Zoom connection info, we will continue viewing a portion of the YouTube video. Then discussing what we have heard and learned and how we respond. Join us at 11:30 on Sunday mornings. And even if you haven't been in on the previous discussions, watching the video with us will enable you to participate fully. Any questions, contact Pastor Tom.

21 DAY EQUITY CHALLENGE FROM UNITED WAY

Our Joe Gentry as the Executive Director of United Way of Northeast Michigan is bringing the 21 Day Equity Challenge to the community and area. It is an effort of the Michigan Association of United Ways following something done throughout the country by a variety of organizations.

The Challenge is simple: you (along with your friends, family, fellow workers and neighbors in Northeast Michigan) commit to deepening your understanding of, and willingness to confront racism for twenty-one consecutive days. The Challenge will raise your awareness, change your understanding, and shift the way you behave.

During every morning of the Challenge, you'll receive an email "prompt" with readings, videos and/or podcasts. You are encouraged to take about ten to fifteen minutes each day with the material and prompt.

The Challenge begins on September 8th and runs through September 29th. Register at the link below to begin receiving daily prompts on Tuesday, September 8th.

<https://www.unitedwaynemi.org/register-21-day-equity-challenge>

ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS

We are now recording the Saturday worship service so that it can be posted online by Sunday morning. The recording can be viewed from links in the email sent out, or our web page or Facebook as well as the YouTube channel. Please share this change with others, family, friends and church members so they know it should be available by Sunday morning. We want GOD'S WORD to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. *THANKS*

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES

Devotionals for the next quarter of July - September are available in the office lobby. If you are not venturing out yet, phone the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget \$ 4,415.00

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Weekly giving - August 2 5,771.10

We received:

25 envelopes and 2 new Give+ payments made from our website

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Weekly giving - August 9 4,374.00

This week we received:

27 envelopes and 1 new Give+ payments made from our website

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