

Dear friends in Christ,

On the church calendar, today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. A happy and enjoyable Father's Day to all who have served in that important role.



This week I hope that all of you received the letter by email or regular mail from Council President, Randy Thumhart, myself, and the Church Council about in-person worship in church. We will begin next Sunday, June 28th at 9:30 AM with a "soft opening" intended primarily for members. We will then resume in-person worship officially on Sunday, July 5th. The letter explains what to expect at the brief Service of the Word with social distancing practices. We will continue to send the services electronically, as we have been doing since late March, for all who choose to worship in that way.

Please continue to keep in your prayers all those with COVID 19, all medical personnel, and all essential workers on the front lines. In addition, please continue to pray for patience, constructive dialogue, understanding, and safety for all in our nation. Further, remember in your prayers the family of Ruth Brightbill who entered the Church Triumphant this past week.

The service follows below with links for music and the sermon within the service. May God bless you and your loved ones with faith, compassion, understanding, peace, and wholeness.

Pastor John

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 2020

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

GATHERING SONG: *The Summons*

Set to the tune of a traditional Scottish melody, "Will You Come and Follow Me" (written by John L. Bell in 1987) contains 13 questions asked by Jesus. Based on Mark 1:16-20, an excerpt of which is, "**As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'**" (Mark 1:16-17), this hymn is a poignant reminder of Christ's call to a life of faith, prayer and service to others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0aAkOe87mo>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

- ⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
- ⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.
- ⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- ¹⁰I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach. R
- [¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.
- ¹²Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- ¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.
- ¹⁴Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters. R
- ¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
-] ¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.
- ¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- ¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me. R

Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

SERMON: https://youtu.be/1mJz_67HDEA

APOSTLES 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 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been ill for too long (*local environmental concerns may be prayed for*). Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world (*especially*). Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, grant your spirit of well-being and wholeness to all who are injured, ill, recuperating or in need of healing. Extend your peaceful presence to all who await medical procedures. We pray in particular for all with COVID 19 and their caretakers and all on our parish prayer list.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died including Ruth Brightbill increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

https://youtu.be/QgePJFvj1_M

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHBzl_Jb-o4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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