

4th Sunday after Pentecost | June 20th, 2021
In-Person Reader: TBD | Online Reader: Connie Harmeyer

Announcements

- Welcome to worship on this 4th Sunday after Pentecost and this Father's Day!
 - And a special welcome to **Madison Kopet** and her family, who will be baptized today and *officially* welcomed into the body of Christ
- Update regarding worship:
 - We'll continue wearing masks so we can continue to sing and we'll receive communion in our pews. Consecrated elements will also be available to use at home.
- We are again collecting things for layette kits and personal care kits.
- Cottage Gatherings | A time of fellowship and feedback
 - Tuesday, June 22nd @ Church (10:00 w/ Pastor)
 - Tuesday, June 22nd online (7:00 w/ Pastor)
- We'll meet for Bible study on Thursday at 9:30 and 6:00
- Bible campers will be leaving next Sunday *and* we'll be blessing Allie Schley, who will be leaving for your mission experience at the beginning of July!

***Confession + Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Amazing grace! -- how sweet the sound -- that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

[in-person] **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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Let us welcome the newly baptized: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

O God of creation, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

“Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!”

That's what those who are redeemed by the Lord say, the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies, the ones God gathered from various countries, from east and west, north and south.

Some of the redeemed had gone out on the ocean in ships, making their living on the high seas.

They saw what the Lord had made; they saw his wondrous works in the depths of the sea.

God spoke and stirred up a storm that brought the waves up high.

The waves went as high as the sky; they crashed down to the depths. The sailors' courage melted at this terrible situation.

They staggered and stumbled around like they were drunk. None of their skill was of any help.

So they cried out to the Lord in their distress, and God brought them out safe from their desperate circumstances.

God quieted the storm to a whisper; the sea's waves were hushed.

So they rejoiced because the waves had calmed down; then God led them to the harbor they were hoping for.

Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people.

Let them exalt God in the congregation of the people and praise God in the assembly of the elders.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***Gospel Reading | Mark 4:35-41**

Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re drowning?”

He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, “Silence! Be still!” The wind settled down and there was a great calm. Jesus asked them, “Why are you frightened? Don’t you have faith yet?”

Overcome with awe, they said to each other, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day | My Life Flows On in Endless Song ELW 763

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

[online] **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**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress, especially Deloris Streich, Darleen Ganfield, Pastor Dave, Nancy Gjerde, Lori Roemhildt, and Jane Lorsung. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Grant grace to Madison Kopet and all the baptized. Raise us by your Spirit and revive us by your word, that we may bear witness to your grace and praise you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***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.**

Communion Distribution + Blessing

May the body and blood...

Father's Day Blessing

Loving God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us, and especially, today, we thank you for the gift of our fathers.

We ask your blessing upon our fathers who gave us faith to live by, hopes worth dreaming of, and who blessed our lives with their unconditional love.

We ask your blessing upon our fathers who are unable to be with us today, upon adoptive fathers, upon fathers who have lost children, and upon those who want to be fathers or have another child.

We remember our fathers who have died and for the unique way they revealed for us your love. We ask that you keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

And we ask your blessing upon the fathers who worship with us now. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

***Final Blessing**

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

***Sending Hymn** | *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* ELW 843

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,

Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;

Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;

From this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

*Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.*

***Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**