

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children.

This baptismal gift sets us free
from the power of sin and death.

In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself.

From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship With Holy Communion 8:00 & 9:30 am June 28, 2020

Time after Pentecost

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Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Lisa Lewton

Organist: Barb Arneson

- Gathering -

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
- A: Amen.
- L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

- L: Reconciling God,
- A: 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
- L: 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. **A: Amen**

GATHERING HYMN # 453 Baptized and Set Free vs 1 & 4



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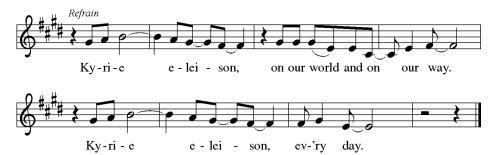
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GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

KYRIE (Cantor will sing the verses, congregation the refrain)



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; For this holy house, for all who worship and praise, Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; That we may live out truth and justice and grace, Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; For life and for love, for our work and our play, Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; That you nourish our souls with your body and blood, Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

– Word –

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28: 5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L: The word of the Lord A: Thanks be to God

PSALM 89: 1-4,15-18

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴'l will establish your line forever,

and preserve your throne for all generations."

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;

they are jubilant in your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosv prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

SECOND READING: Romans 6: 12 - 23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do 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 right-eousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S TIME



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)



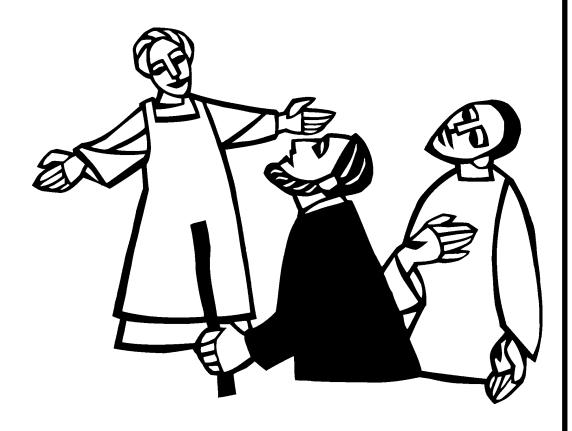
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10: 40-42

A: Glory to You, O Lord

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

A: Praise to You O Christ



SERMON Pastor Lisa Lewton

HYMN OF THE DAY #641 All Are Welcome vs 1 & 5



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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

(prayer response) L: Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE (Instrumental Music)

Give a wave of love to those worshipping online today. (The camera is located on the front, center of the balcony.)

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING— (Instrumental music)

OFFERING PRAYER

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

A: Amen

Offering:

Thank you to those of you contributing to the mission of St John by giving electronically, leaving a gift in one of the sanctuary baskets or mailing gifts in.

Please also consider what you have to offer to those in your immediate surroundings today and this week.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name:

L: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

A: heaven and earth are full of Your glory,

L: Hosanna in the highest

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

L: Hosanna in the highest!

A: Hosanna in the highest!

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -



All are invited to the table today, but if you are not comfortable, please know there is no guilt or shame in that decision.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of the welcome table, 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 -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

L: 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.

A: Amen.

Perhaps you will
consider meditating on the
words of this hymn by
Frederick Faber
& Calvin Hampton
as we commune this
morning.

May you feel the deep,
wonderful love of our God
today and remember that
that amazing love and
mercy extends to
ALL people.

SENDING HYMN #719 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life vs 1 & 6



- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
 - * 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you! A: Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Pastor Lisa Lewton

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Rasia Mackey, 9:30 am Michele Anderson

Tech: 8:00 am Ian Homiston, 9:30 am Grant Bittner

Ushers: 8:00 am Rod Kostelecky, Sam Lewton and Tom Lewton

9:30 am Paula Loegering and Owen Bittner

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