Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic

We Worship Together In God's Beautiful Creation As We Share Song, Prayer, and God's Holy Word.

St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & All Saints Episcopal Church

July 12, 2020 – 10:00 AM
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Codorus State Park, Pavilion #1
Today, on this the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, we welcome you with thanks to God for your presence.

- Please sit by household approximately six feet from other households.
- The complete order for our worship is found in this bulletin
- Once seated, you may take off your mask during the service if you feel comfortable doing so.
- The worshippers will not be singing during the service. We will still have music. You may hum along if you like.

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.
WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRELUDE

Hayden Klinedinst

*Please Rise If You Are Able*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Minister:  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People:    Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*

- Luke 2:14 -

SONG OF PRAISE: *Spoken in Unison*

ALL:        Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister:  Let us Pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Please Be Seated

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Isaiah 55:12

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

The First Reading is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

God’s word to Israel’s exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
PSALM 65:1-13

Our Psalm will be read responsively, alternating verses between women and men.

1You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

2To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

3Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

4Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

5Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

6You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

7You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

8Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
11 You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
12 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Please Rise If You Are Able

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew’s gospel, both Jesus and his disciples “sow the seed” of God’s word by proclaiming the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

People: Glory to you O Lord.

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds
came and ate them up. 5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9Let anyone with ears listen!"

18"Hear then the parable of the sower. 19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

THE SERMON

The Rev. Carenda Baker
HYMN OF THE DAY: For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us.

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Minister: We are God’s people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
Reigning God, we pray for our nation’s leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now... Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. 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.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Minister:** Let us confess our sins to God. *(A Brief Silence)*

**All:** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

**Minister:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.
THE PEACE

Please greet one another with a nod or a wave.
Please NO physical contact.

OFFERING – We are not passing the offering plate. If you forgot to place your offering in the appropriate offering plate when you entered, you may do so after the service.

BLESSING OF OFFERINGS

Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive and bless them for the sake of the one who offered himself for the healing of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Minister: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: We will. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hayden Klinedinst
Celebrations for the Upcoming Week!

Happy Birthday!
Cathi Eller, Sara Haring, and Julie Kehr

Happy Anniversary!
Sarah & Frank Terhune and Troy & Allison Wentz

Holy Baptism Anniversary – Remember You Are Baptized!
Tyler Wentz

In Our Prayers

All Saints Episcopal Church but especially...

Loved ones in need of prayer: Jody B., Regina O., Agnes S., Jean S., Nancy F., Frances K., Sandy M., Cindy, Jeanne, Chris S., Jim Streaker, Vernon K., Tommy S., Mary, Ardythe C. and Rob C.

Confirmation Students: Owen and Grace Allen

St. Paul’s Broadway but especially...

Our Members Who Are at Home: Polly Braun, Margie Brooks, George Bubb, Alfie Haney, Alice Hartsock, Pat Martin, Norma Mumment, Esther Schuck, Richard Schuman, Rosella Shearer, and Dolly Winters

Loved Ones in Need of Prayer: Charles B. Ann Baker, Bob Baker, Georgia Becker, Don Biggins, Harry Borger, Tammy Carbaugh, Dave Clingerman, Sally Cornbower, Joady Hahn, Sara Haring, Kim Hartlaub, Michael Heckman, Ora, Heckman, Yvonne Heckman, Carla Henry, Linda Kaplan, Lydia Keller, Shirley Klinedinst, Tammy Krumrine, Chris Louthian, Pastor Terry McCarthy, Pastor Susan McCarthy, Mae Myers, Stef Reid, Henrietta Reaver, Sharon Robertson, Adam Rudisill, Peggy Sheaffer, Tyler Wentz, and Alicia Weyent

All those serving in the Military including Major Robert Copper Jr., Troy Cromer, Derek Dickerson, Frank Hewett, and Mathew Miller

All who Battle Addiction and Mental Illness - The Lutheran congregations of this community and all believers - All Victims of Violence and Terrorism

Prayer Requests will remain on the Prayer List for a period of one month unless we are informed differently. If there are additions or corrections to the prayer list, please let Vicar Bennett or Allison Wentz know.