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Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:15 and 10:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Prayer for Peace -- Lani Smith

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The assembly kneels.

L: Most merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

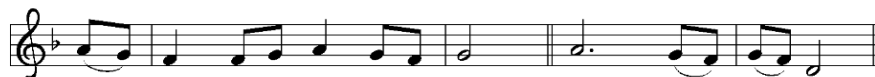
The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG *In Christ There Is No East or West* (ELW 650)

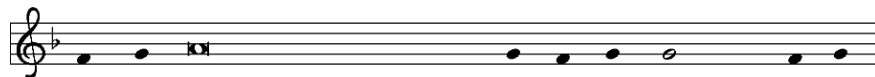
GREETING

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

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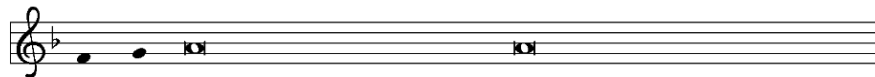
L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer-cy.



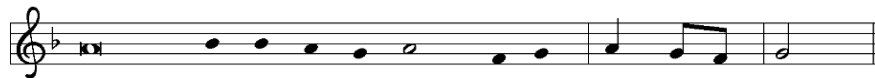
L: For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.



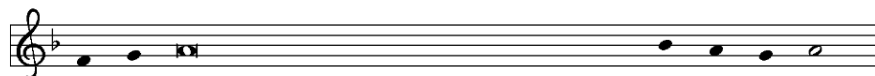
L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



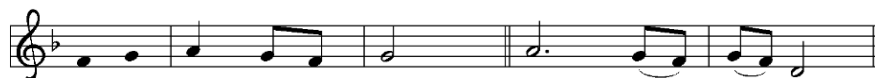
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.



L: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 7: 7-15

L: The first reading is from Amos, the 7th chapter.

⁷ This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

⁹ "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed
and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;
with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹ For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword,
and Israel will surely go into exile,
away from their native land."

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³ Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 85.

¹ You, LORD, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**² You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.**

³ You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.

**⁴ Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.**

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

**⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷ Show us your unfailing love, LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

**⁸ I will listen to what God the LORD says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful
servants—
but let them not turn to folly.**

⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

**¹² The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.**

¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The second reading is from Ephesians, the 1st chapter.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 14-29

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 6th chapter.

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

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.

¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to,

²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of ^[c] Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Listen, God Is Calling*** (ELW 697)

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE (Peace should be offered with a smile and a wave.)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

BLESSING

P: 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.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ***We Are Called*** (ELW 720)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
-- Bethany K. Smith

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-44

WELCOME!

We are so excited that you have joined us today. You are important to our church family. Please complete the connect card in the pew before you leave worship this day. If you need to speak with a pastor or pastoral leader, please call the church office at 724-352-2333.

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTE	Amy Amadee	Rachel Steiner
LECTOR	Peggy Crawford	Cindy Bearrow
GREETER	Peggy Crawford	Doris Herceg
OFFERING COUNTERS	Jackie Bice and Bob Bicker	

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12-Jul
Edward and Dixie Cypher

15-Jul
Jesse and Alicia Haas

16-Jul
Amanda and Christopher Jockel



TODAY
July 12 – 16
July 12

2:00 pm Orchard Service
 Office Closed
 10:00 am - Sewing Group
 6:30 pm – Council Meeting
 6:00 and 7:00 pm Organ Recital
 Angel Article Deadline
 9:00 am - Yard Sale Haul Away
 10:00 am - Sewing Group
 6:00 pm Community Quiet Time

July 15
July 19
July 24
July 26

Organ Concert
July 15th
6:00 & 7:00 pm



Stop by St. Luke's Church on Main St. during the July Mingle on Main for an organ concert featuring music from Gordon Young, J.S. Bach, Andrew Lloyd Webber, & more.
 Organist – Ellen Dodge



Thank you to everyone who made the Annual Church Yard Sale a success. The Sewing Ministry was blessed with over \$2,700. This amount will provide enough supplies for 675 lap robes **OR** flannel baby blankets **OR** incubator covers **OR** fleece blankets for a child/adult in Cambodia **OR** 168 prayer shawls.

The remaining items need to be packed and hauled away. If you are able to pack and/or haul, please contact Gayle Gundlach 724-822-0803. Haul away day is planned for July 24th, starting at 9:00 am.

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: (*Kristen's successful tumor surgery & clear lymph nodes*), for the sun, rain that brings growth and beauty; for your gift of grace that saves us and continues to grow our faith.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Roger Walker (chemo, lymphoma) Wendy Mendenhall's dad,
Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer),
Patty (cancer),
Jim Humes (cancer),
Rochelle Harbison (cancer),
Ann (stage 4 stomach cancer, chemo),
Mary Deems (stage 1 cancer),
Clara Pitschke (critically ill),
Kelly Kramich (cancer)
Diane (pneumonia, multiple health issues) Jeannine's sister
Carolyn Szebalski (recovery)
Mark Kollinger (back surgery recovery)
Bonnie Weaver (back surgery recovery)
Gabby Nowak (knee surgery recovery),
Bobbie Jo Shearer (hip surgery recovery)
Sue (pain)
Kristen Chiappini (colon cancer)
Persecuted believers
Florida victims & families

Weekly NALC Church: St. Paul's, New Stanton, PA Rev. John Harmon, Interim; St. Luke's ministry; for God's guidance in completing our pastoral process.

Monthly Mission: Days for Girls, Valencia Chapter