

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

147 West Forest Street
Clyde, Ohio

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2020

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING ONE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive 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.

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. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“CANTICLE OF THE TURNING”

(ELW 723)

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of
the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to
flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9

⁶{Moses said to the Israelites,} “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 125

¹Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

²**The hills stand about Jerusalem;
so does the Lord stand round about his people, from
this time forth forevermore.**

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land
allotted to the just,
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

⁴**Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good
and to those who are true of heart.**

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;
but peace be upon Israel.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor

powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG

“JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME” (ELW 755)

Jesus Savior pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea
Unknown waves before me roll
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal
Chart and compass come from Thee
Jesus Savior pilot me

As a mother stills her child
Thou canst hush the oceans wild
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
When thou say'st to them be still
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea
Jesus Savior pilot me

When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest
Then while leaning on thy breast
May I hear thee say to me
Fear not I will pilot thee

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SERMON

"SINCE GOD IS FOR US, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?"

Roman 8:28-39

Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

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

“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

(ELW 834)

Verse 1

Immortal invisible God only wise

In light inaccessible

Hid from our eyes

Most blessed most glorious

The Ancient of Days

Almighty victorious

Thy great name we praise

Verse 2

Unresting unfasting

And silent as light

Nor wanting nor wasting

Thou rulest in might

Thy justice like mountains

High soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains

Of goodness and love

Verse 3

To all life thou givest

To both great and small

In all life thou livest

The true life of all

We blossom and flourish

Like leaves on the tree

And wither and perish

But naught changeth thee

Verse 4

Thou reignest glory
thou dwellest in light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All laud we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee
Amen

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**