



## WELCOME THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Sunday, June 14, 2020*

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's Table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

### PRELUDE

*See video link on website.*

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Gregg Sewell

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

# 575

- 1 In Christ called to baptize,  
we witness to grace  
and gather a people  
from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters,  
we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life,  
give thanks with each breath.
- 2 In Christ called to banquet,  
one table we share,  
a haven of welcome,  
a circle of care.  
Although we are many,  
we share in one bread.  
One cup of thanksgiving  
proclaims Christ, our head.
- 3 In Christ called to witness,  
by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel;  
God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living  
give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion  
reflecting Christ's ways.
- 4 Unite us, anoint us,  
O Spirit of love,  
for you are within us,  
around us, above.  
Equip us for service  
with gifts you bestow.  
In Christ is our calling.  
In Christ may we grow.

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### GREETING

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God in the highest, 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. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Amen. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 9:35--10:8**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Tanya Cartwright

### SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*On Eagle's Wings*

# 787

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

#### *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

#### *Final refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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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.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we have created divisions you will not own, especially as we begin to recognize the depth of racism in America. Raise up leaders who will work to develop lasting justice, peace and reconciliation, and give us insight into our own attitudes, and the will to be witnesses and servants for change. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Give everyone the conviction and patience to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Give health to responders, medical teams and caregivers for people with covid-19. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard, and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Comfort the sick, especially all whom we now raise in prayer before you... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Inspire us to recognize and reimagine the gifts of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living and doing ministry during this pandemic. Minister to us in our vocations, that we may not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, you bring all people to yourself. We give thanks for the holy people who have gone before us. Sustain us in your mission until the day you bear us up to join the saints in light. 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.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

*Call, text, or email a friend to pass the peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

If you are able please mail your offering to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

### **BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*O Zion, Haste*

**# 668**

1 O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

*Refrain*

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

2 Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation  
and died on earth that we might live above. *Refrain*

3 He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,  
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,  
through your neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain*

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## MINISTRY NEWS

### **PRAYER LIST**

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Charles Gurski, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Joel Koch, Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Cheryl Moyer, Kevin Seibert, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Jeff Wolesschok, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Gemma Geary, Seth Ney, Nathan Resch, Renee Shade, Cathy Hale, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Denny Starr, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Ron Gill, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Nancy Cooper, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Deanna Carl, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Sherry and Kim Zulick, Katharine Macnutt

#### **Those with Long-term health issues:**

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Karen Cockill, Janice Barr, Donna Dizenzo, Bill Gordon, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Kathrine Smiley, Mark Noecker, Michelle Moon, Anna Heffner, Molly Jones, David Wise, Joan Steficheck, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Kay LeBoeuf

#### **Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

**COMING TOGETHER AGAIN FOR WORSHIP?** With the rate of infection slowing in Schuylkill County and it moving into a yellow phase, Jerusalem's leaders have been discussing how best to safely resume services.

- First of all, there is a lot of work to prepare for the resumption of worship, and we also want to make sure that with more freedom under the yellow phase that our community's infection numbers don't spike. Therefore we do not plan to resume services until Sunday, June 21.
- And second, using ELCA and CDC guidelines, we rejoice that even though our congregational worship will by necessity look and feel different, we will be able to assemble with Christ among us ("...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" Matthew 18:20) as we gather around the reading, preaching, and praying of God's Word ("How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119:103). However, much of what we enjoyed and took for granted in the past cannot yet be done safely – instead of customary hugs, handshakes, and mingling, we will sit, stand, and walk at least six feet apart; we will not be able to sing together because communal singing can vastly increase the spread of coronavirus; we will wear masks to protect and love each other in contrast to the mask debate that polarizes our country; and we will not yet share Holy Communion. Now of course, some other congregations in our area with either a different theology or world view may do things like congregational singing or Holy Communion, but we will refrain from them in harmony with ELCA worship guidelines.
- Third, we are planning to offer at least three, but smaller services, not just in light of state guidelines, but also taking into account ELCA recommendations to limit the size of worship gatherings. This means that we may offer services at 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30, while encouraging people to be flexible and register in advance so that we can spread the ourselves across three smaller groups. Meanwhile, the sanctuary will be marked off for distancing, and a different section used for each service.
- Finally, when we gather, anyone who feels ill out of love needs to stay home until fully covered, and anyone who is in high risk category needs to consider continuing to participate in worship through either our weekly worship mailing, or our website ([jerusalem.lutheran.com](http://jerusalem.lutheran.com)).

**WHEN WE COME TOGETHER AGAIN FOR WORSHIP**, and we might be at least a little disappointed that worship is not yet like it was before, BUT we will gather – and the crucified and risen Christ will be among us as we pray and savor the Word of God together.

**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES!** If the Coronavirus has put stress on your marriage, you are not alone! Lutheran Marriage Encounter has scheduled a couple of Weekends this fall, and we believe that you will find that attending a Weekend will help you renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether your marriage is in great shape or if you could really use some help.

The Weekends currently scheduled are: September 18-20 at the Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster PA and October 16-18 at the Olmsted Retreat in Ludlow, PA, an hour north of Pittsburgh. For more information, please see Joanne & Lloyd Wertz.

***EMERGENCY NUMBERS:***

For imminent danger call 911.

For crisis or mental health help call 877-9wehelp

Schuylkill Women in Crisis 570-622-6220

Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-932-0313

Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255

Addiction 1-800-264-1290