

**June 28, 2020, 4th Pentecost, the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this novel coronavirus**

**Zoom Invitation: <https://zoom.us/j/514691959?pwd=d2twOX24dzAzMllxS3hxL2lqT3BYUT09>**

**The meeting I.D. is 514691959 and the meeting password is 978134. Please join just prior to 10am.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Our final all Zoom service as we get back together at Zion. Next Sunday worship will still be available via a live-cast arrangement but worship will occur in the church.**

**GEORGE HERBERT IN HIS 2<sup>nd</sup> RETIREMENT.**

Our Assistant today is **Lou Mandik**, Reader is **Carol Mandik** and Acolyte is **Jeffrey Shalom**.  
Technical Support: **Joshua Ballard**.

**INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**All: 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.**

P: Beloved of God, by the 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, God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

The Lighting of the Candle

Acolyte Jeffrey Shalom

**OPENING HYMN:**

**We All Are One in Mission**

**ELW # 576**

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**THE SERVICE BEGINS**

P. In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
The Lord be with you **C. And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** 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. **C. Amen**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

*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 rosy 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).*

R. The first reading is found in the book of Jeremiah, the twenty-eighth chapter:

<sup>5</sup>The 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; <sup>6</sup>and 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. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As 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."

This is the Word of the Lord

**C. thanks be to God**

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18, *Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (verse 1)*

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.  
<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:  
<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.  
<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.  
<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.  
C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, who is,  
who was, and who will always be, our God. Amen.**

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.*

R. The second reading is found in the book of Romans, the sixth chapter:

[Paul writes:] <sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No 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. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do 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 righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But 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, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I 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.

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

This is the Word of the Lord

**C. thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

*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.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever 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; <sup>42</sup>and 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."

P. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Music Offering:

**PRAYER FOR GEORGE HERBERT IN HIS 2<sup>ND</sup> RETIREMENT.**

Jolene Shalom

**Children's Time**

**Message:**

"Your Love, Forever Will I Sing"

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

A: Let us proclaim our faith with the **Apostles Creed:**

**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, born of the virgin Mary, 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 INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

A: God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise.

Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A: God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out.

Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A: God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion, especially in these days of racial strife and Covid 19. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you.

Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A: God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned especially: **Ralph Finkbiner, Brookelyn Rogers, Gladys Vammen and Luke Walton**. Awaken to your mercy those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you.  
Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A: God of community, we give thanks for Zion, her people and community. We give you thanks for our worship and music, especially the leadership of Mr. George Herbert. Bless him in his future choruses. Here at Zion, give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A: God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

*P. For so much else we pray and so many more. We pray for:*

*Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):*

*Kenneth Bauer, Ellen Levy-Gray, Dottie Jacques, Mary Lesh, Diane Pannella, Thomas Reese, Judi Rittenhouse, Lynn Schmitt, Steven Schollenberger, Vicki Walker, and Greg Wicker.  
Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Joanne Frederick, John Frederick, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Ryan Law, Cindy Levensgood, Jay Markwart, James Newson, Jennifer Paris, Jeffrey Pickersgill, Brian Spitko, Jan Starr, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen, and Judy Wambold.*

Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us when we pray to say:

**C. 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.  
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

**P:** 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. **C. Amen**

Hymns:

**Come, We That Love the Lord**

**ELW # 625**

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.**

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## Weekday Devotion starters

**Monday, June 29** You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Please Read **Psalm 119: 161-168**, the Psalmist sees trouble near him but finds peace in the Lord.  
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God and gracious Lord, I rejoice at they word and I attempt to live my life in accord with our will. Though I am not able to perfectly follow you, by your grace, you embrace me, so I will keep the faith.  
In the precious name of Jesus I pray, Amen Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

**Tuesday, June 30** You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Please Read **1 John 4: 1-6**, false prophets will appear, be careful and test them.  
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, I know that there are many voices speaking in our world, some full of truth and some full of lies. Help me to know the difference, knowing that the test is whether that word is about living, and dying, not for myself but for others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

**Wednesday, July 1** You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Please Read: **Matthew 11: 20-24**, Jesus says repentance is crucial to peace and eternal life.  
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, gracious Lord, for the things that I have done and left undone, make me truly repentant. Help me to stop acting in ways that deny you and your love. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen  
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

**Thursday, July 2** Say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Read **Psalm 145: 8-14**, the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, how is it that with all your power and majesty, your mighty deeds, that you still love me? I believe that you love your creation and all who are a part of it, including me. Please, uphold me and lift me when I am bowed down. These things I pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen  
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

**Friday, July 3** You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Please Read **Zechariah 2: 6-13**, the prophet tells those who have been far from the Lord should return.  
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Almighty God, some days I feel far from you, not willing to yield control of my life. Help me to turn to you and know that you are God, the fountain of living water. In the precious name of Jesus I pray. Amen  
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

**Saturday, July 4** You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Please Read **Luke 10: 21-24**, Jesus rejoices in the Holy Spirit, declaring unity of the Trinity.  
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, some things are beyond my comprehension; your creation and the works of it are too wonderful to fully grasp, yet you have grasped me, holding me in your loving embrace. Help me to be faithful in my simple faith, proclaiming the promise of eternal peace and love.  
Bless the United States of America on this day of celebration. Help us to be true to the promise of our Founders, proclaiming Liberty and Justice for all. In Jesus' name I/we pray. Amen.  
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.