

June 21, 2020, 3rd Pentecost, the 15th Sunday of this novel coronavirus

FATHER'S DAY

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:

On July 5th, we will be celebrating our 1st in-Church service since the onset of the epidemic. This is a very special day as we will be Confirming Andrew Ballard and Christophe Kirk.

Space is very limited since we are still in the yellow with COVID-19. We will be hosting 25 people in the sanctuary (family of the Confirmation students) and an additional 25 people in the Fellowship Hall. Face Masks and Social Distancing will be required. We will also be streaming the service live, so that you can still be part of the service at home.

We would like to thank Pastor Paul Townsend and George Herbert for their service to the church. Both will be retiring as of June 30, 2020. We wish you both the best. Pastor Paul will be presiding at services on July 5th and July 12th.

We are asking **all**, of the congregation that would like to attend the "In Church Services" Starting on July 5, 2020 to sign up via the below website, or to call the office 610-948-3323 and the office manager will add you to the list. Since space is limited the services will fill up quickly. A new sign-up will be available Monday of each week for the following Sunday.

Link for email/social media: <https://signup.com/go/uQdzDNX>

Our Assistant today is **Dan Bauman** and Reader is **Beverly Tyson**.

Technical Support: **Joshua Ballard**.

INTRODUCTION

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

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

OPENING HYMN:

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

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**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day His clear voice sounding, saying "Christian, follow me".**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

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 Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13 *Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

R. The first reading is found in the book of Jeremiah, the twentieth chapter:

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I **have** become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. This is the Word of the Lord **C. thanks be to God**

PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18 *Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (verse 16)*

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

¹⁷**Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

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.

THE SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11 *In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

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

[Paul writes:] ^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

C. thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Music Offering by Tony Mandik, Trumpeter:

"You Raise me Up", arranged by J. M. Stevens

Children's Time

Father's Day

Message:

"The Cost of Discipleship"

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: Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity.

Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A: Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been ill for too long. Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats.

Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A: Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world whether through scientific/medical work or military peace keeping. Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A: Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A: Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Strengthen all those who are suffering in any way, whether in mind, soul or body, especially: **Ralph Finkbiner, Brookelyn Rogers, Gladys Vammen and Luke Walton.** Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

A: Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died and have joined you in glory, especially Charles Schlag (Linda Grob's father), increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. 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:

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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**Rise up, O saints of God! from vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C. Thanks be to God.

Weekday Devotion starters

Monday, June 22 You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Micah 7: 1-7**, Ancient Israel is full of corrupt and evil people; it's the same everywhere.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God and gracious Lord, I will look to you always as the source and nourishment for my life. While many around me may turn away from you, help me to stay true to you. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Tuesday, June 23 You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Psalms 6**, A Prayer for healing from severe illness.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, be gracious to me and heal me from my afflictions and my terrors. In a day of doubt, worry and instability renew my heart and mind that I may find eternal rest and healing in you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Wednesday, June 24 You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read: **Matthew 10: 5-23**, Jesus sends out the disciples with a mission of proclamation.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, gracious Lord, as you sent the disciples into the mission fields of their day, so send me, into the world of people who are living with doubting hearts. I know that your spirit will give me what I need in the moment of greatest need to bring new life in the midst of death. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Thursday, June 25 Say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Galatians 5: 4-6**, St. Paul reminds us that strict religious laws are superseded by love.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, I sometimes question how exactly I am supposed to live my life, what to do and how to act. Saint Paul reminds me that religious laws are strict and difficult but the power of the Spirit will help me to live in accordance with God's wishes. These things I pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Friday, June 26 You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Jeremiah 25: 8-14**, the people of God have been unfaithful – wrath of God will come.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Almighty God, when I am unfaithful to you and to others to whom I owe my trustworthiness, there are consequences. I know that trouble will come when I turn my back on my integrity and upon your word. Strengthen me, oh Lord, for this life and its challenges. In the precious and holy name of Jesus I pray. Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Saturday, June 27 You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Luke 17: 1-4**, Jesus says: 'be on guard that you not sin'. Also, be ready to forgive those who sin.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, sharpen by ability to see when I am hurting my neighbor with evil words and lack of forgiveness. I know that I stumble at times, doing the things I should not do or not doing the things I should. Forgive me and teach me to forgive my neighbor. In Jesus' name I/we pray. Amen.
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.