

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Pastor Don Short

Sixth Sunday after Easter

May 9, 2021

Happy Mother's Day

THE GREETING

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
The keeper of the covenant,
The source of steadfast love,
Our rock and our redeemer
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Fountain of living water,
Pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you love.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~Love Divine, All Loves Excelling~~ELW #631

**Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling,
Joy of Heav'n, to Earth come down!
Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing,
All thy faith-ful mer-cies crown,
Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
Pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
Vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion,
En-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.**

**Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er;
Let us all thy life re-ceive;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er,
Nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.
Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
Serve thee as thy host a-bove,
Pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing,
Glo-ry in thy per-fect love.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it
In-to ev-'ry trou-bled breast;
Let us all in thee in-her-it;
Let us find thy prom-ised rest.
Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning,
Set our hearts at lib-er-ty.**

**Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion,
Pure and spot-less let us be;
Let us see thy great sal-va-tion
Per-fect-ly re-stored in thee!
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns be-fore thee,
Lost in won-der, love, and praise!**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS

A reading from Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read 98 responsively

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

**⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.**

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

**⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

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A reading from 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ¹ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia! Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to *John 15:9-17*
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants² any longer, because the servant² does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~~~Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love~~ELW #708

Je-su,Je-su, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neigh-bors
we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Si-lent-ly wash-es their feet,
Mas-ter who acts as a slave to them.

Je-su,Je-su, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neigh-bors
we have from you.

Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,
Var-ied in col-or and race,
Neigh-bors are near-by and far a-way.

Je-su,Je-su, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neigh-bors
we have from you.

These are the ones we will serve,
These are the ones we will love;
All these are neigh-bors to us and you.

Je-su,Je-su, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neigh-bors
we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet;
This is the way we will live with you.

Je-su,Je-su, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neigh-bors
we have from you.

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APOSTLE'S 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us O God

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY HYMN

186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, with lyrics written below each staff. The music is in a simple, melodic style, likely for a choir or solo voice. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.'

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love,

You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.


We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving



S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSITUATION

THE 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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of steadfast love,

At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.

Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Communion

The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion, and may begin with:

S 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~Blest Be The Tie that Binds~~ELW #656

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Chri-is-tian love;
The u-ni-ty of heart and mind
Is like to that a-bove.
Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne
We pour our ar-dent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We sha-re our mu-tual woes,
our mu-tual bur-dens bear,
And of-ten for each oth-er flows
the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.
From sor-row, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And per-fect love and friend-ship reign
Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet May 12 at 3:30; please confirmation students get your sermon notes into the pastor.

We still have spots for people to sign up to volunteer: Ushers, Greeters, and a reader, and communion assistant. The communion assistant hands out the bagged communion kits. Sacristans bag the communion kits. If you are interested in learning how to be a Sacristan, please let Fay or Anna know; it is easy and hardly takes any time. We have spots for acolytes as well.

Pentecost Vigil—May 22, 6 pm, at the parsonage, with prayer, fire ring, and smores.

Pentecost Sunday-May 23, wear red! Celebrate Pentecost with our confirmands!

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

Go in peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

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