

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Pastor Don Short

June 13, 2021

## **INVOCATION AND CANDLES**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn~~We Walk by Faith, ELW #635**

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke: My peace be with you here.

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound to call  
on you when you are near And seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

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## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**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.**



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . have mer - cy:*



▣ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ▣ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . have mer - cy:*



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . have mer - cy:*

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*



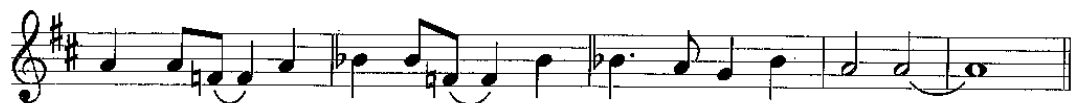
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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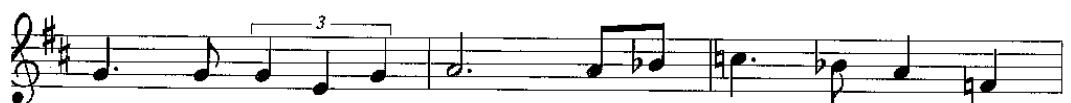
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world.  
Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth  
and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen

## READINGS

### A reading from Ezekiel 17:22-24

22 Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

24 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

### Let us read Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 responsively

**1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

**2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**

**3 to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.**

**4 For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

**13 They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

**<sup>14</sup> In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,**

<sup>15</sup> showing that the LORD is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

*A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:6-17*

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;<sup>2</sup> even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,<sup>2</sup> we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34  
**Glory to you O Lord**

26 He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’

30 He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**SERMON**

## **Hymn of the Day~~Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God~~WOV #783**

**Seek ye first the king-dom of God  
And its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be  
added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be  
opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread...alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth..of...God.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

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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**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### **OFFERATORY HYMN: "We Are An Offering"**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours: We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: We are an offering, we are an offering.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body of the life of the world.**

Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav - en 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. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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

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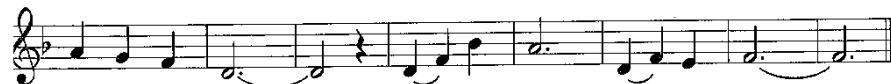
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us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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



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

### 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: "Beloved, Let us Love One Another"**

## **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~~We Are All One in Mission~~ELW #576**

We all are one in mis-sion;  
We all are one in call,  
Our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed  
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 God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent;  
Our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others  
With God's surprising grace,  
So ev'ry folk and nation  
May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united,  
And let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
For God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united  
By Christ, the Lord of all.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We need volunteers to assist with weekly Sunday Services. You are also invited to sign up to provide refreshments after worship.**

**A sign-up sheet is in the narthex on the podium just outside the door. Thank you!**

We could really use your help at Vacation Bible School. We are the host church this year and we need adult volunteers to lead the children through VBS. These will be a volunteers meeting on June 6 at 2 pm. VBS runs June 21-25 from 3-5:30 pm.

**Secretary Hours: Wednesday-Friday 9-12**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

**Go in Peace. You are the body of Christ.**  
Thanks be to God.

**Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday**

Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

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