Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church Pastor Don Short July 18, 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~~O Holy Spirit Enter In~~ELW #786

O Holy Spirit, enter in
And in our hearts your work begin,
And make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine,
your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance life from heaven now
Is given overflowing, gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

Left to ourselves, we surely stray; oh, lead us on the narrow way, with wisest counsel guide us; and give us steadfastness that we may follow you forever free, no matter who derides us. Gently heal those hearts now broken; Give some token you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us. O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let your good Word in doubt and strife Be in us strongly burning, that we may be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith, From you true wisdom learning. Lord, your mercy on us shower; By your power Christ confessing, We will cherish all your blessing.

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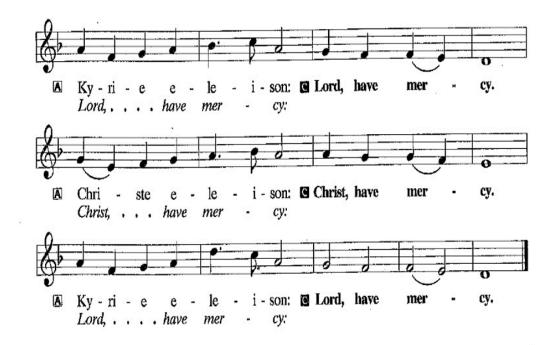
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

A reading from Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 23 responsively

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;²
- he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, ² I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely² goodness and mercy² shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.²

A reading from Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,* called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— Premember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body² through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. * 17So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.* 21In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*Glory to you O Lord

- 30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.
- 53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Lord, Speak To Us, That We May Speak~~#676

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak In liv-ing ech-oes-of your tone; As you have sought, so let us seek Your stray-ing chil-dren, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan-d'ring and the wa-v'ring feet; Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed Your hun-g'ring ones with man-na sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre-cious truths which you im-part; And wing our words, that they may reach The hid-den depths of man-y-a heart.

Oh, fill us with your full-ness, Lord, Un-til our ver-y hearts o'er flow In kin-dling thought and glow-ing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

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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:



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

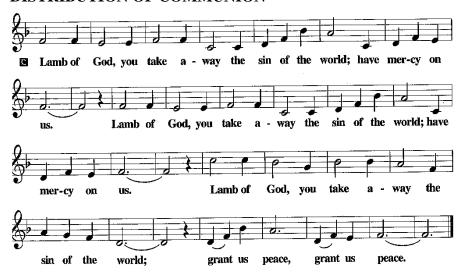
Our Father,

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: "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~~Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us~~ELW #789

Sa-vior like a shep-herd lead us; Much we need your ten-der care. In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use your fold pre-pare. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, You have bought us; we are yours. You have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love be-friend us, Be the guar-dian of our way; Keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, Seek us when we go a-stray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, Hear us chil-dren when we pray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus Hear us chil-dren when we pray. You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, Poor and sin-ful though we be; You have mer-cy to re-lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, Ear-ly let us turn to you. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, Ear-ly let us turn to you.

Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, Ear-ly let us do your will; Bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, With your love our spir-its fill. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus You have loved us, love us still. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

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