Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church Pastor Don Short August 1, 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~~What Feast of Love~~ELW #487 to the tune Greensleeves

What feast of love is offered here, What banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, What crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, What precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, The sweetest wine of heaven. Oh taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

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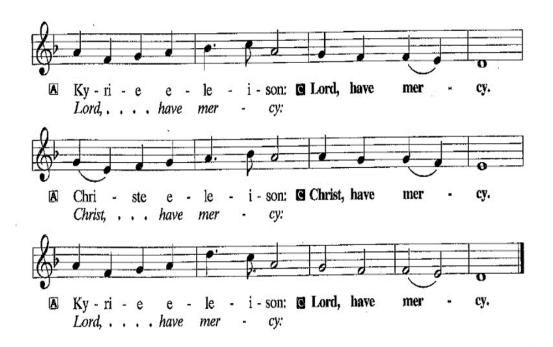
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

A reading from Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

- 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.
- 9 Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ' "And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." '
- 13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 78:23-29 responsively

- ²³ Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;
- ²⁴ he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.
- ²⁵ Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

- ²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;
- ²⁷ he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;
- ²⁸ he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.
- ²⁹ And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

A reading from Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended^{*} into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to *John 6:24-35* Glory to you, O Lord.

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which edwards of the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Guide Me ever, Great Redeemer~~ELW #618

Guide me ever, great Redeemer Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty: Hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore, Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain Where the healing waters flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Shield me with your mighty arm, Shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and Hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

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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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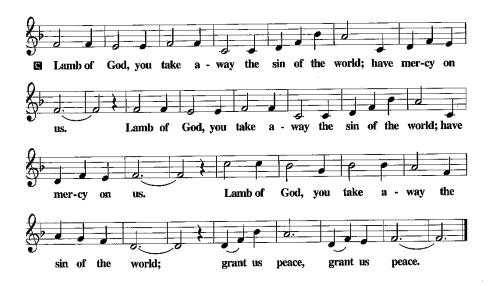
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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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~~ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling~~ELW #631 V 1, 2, & 4

Love divine, all loves excel-ling, Joy of Heav'n, to Earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown, Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art; Vis-it us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit In-to ev-'ry troubled breast; Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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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

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

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