

A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

JULY 19, 2020

PRELUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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INTRODUCTION

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day when all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen**

P 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 perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P 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.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

“Come Thou Fount”

Vss. 1 & 2

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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

A ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C ¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

A ¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C ¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

A ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C ¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.**

A ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels,

and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Need Thee Every Hour" 8:30 Only Vss. 1 & 2 W & R

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The first two staves are for the soprano voice, and the last two are for the bassoon. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, stay thou near by;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;
oh, bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Bird Song"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

KAITY TOON

11:00 a.m. – Only

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He 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

THE PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
 almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
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;
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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
C Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen

SENDING HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Vss. 1 & 4 LBW # 294

1 My hope is built on nothing less than my own true worth,

2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This morning the Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God from Norma Pitts in loving memory of her father; and from Larry and Sandra Carpenter in celebration of their daughters' birthdays.

The 2020 flower chart is located in the Narthex above the Usher's stand. Please sign up to purchase flowers for that special someone or to celebrate a date or memory. All vases are \$22.00 each. **Open Dates are August 2, 9, 16 and 30.**



	8:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
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