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September 6, 2020

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Reverend Johnson leads

OPENING SENTENCE

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalms 75:1*

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our
neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our

transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Reverend Johnson

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY

Pastor Marschhausen

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Leader and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Pastor Marschhausen

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

Reader from St. Mary's leads

PSALM Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *

and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *

I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *

for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *

give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *

in your righteousness preserve my life.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reader from Concordia

FIRST LESSON EZEKIEL 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word

from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not

speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.
 Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and

our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God**

THE HYMN *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion’s help forever and our confidence alone.	2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.	3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.	4. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!
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Reader from St. Mary’s

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 12:9-21
 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to

us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Canticle J **A Song of Judith** *Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, * for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you, * for you spoke and all things came into being. You sent your breath and it formed them, * no one is able to resist your voice. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, * rocks melt like wax at your presence. But to those who fear you, *you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, * but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Deacon Winzler reads

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to

you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
The Gospel of our Savior.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Pastor Marschhausen

THE HYMN *God, When Human Bonds are Broken*

1. God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.	come to our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.	earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.	stronger, give us faith.
2. Through that stillness, with your Spirit	3. You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of	4. Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us	5. Give us faith to be ore faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Reader from Concordia leads

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 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 *Reverend Johnson*

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

People: And listen to our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from St. Mary's leads

Drawn together in the compassion of God,
we pray for the church, the world, and all
those in need.

A brief silence.

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts
of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the
cooperative work of churches in this
community. Strengthen ecumenical
partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran
World Federation, and the World Council of
Churches, and of the Anglican Communion;
Help us live into our Called to Common
Mission, full communion agreement
between our denominations. Lord, in your
mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways
that do not harm what you have entrusted to

our care. Renew and enliven places
suffering from drought, flood, storms, or
pollution, especially places where fires and
hurricanes have brought devastation. Lord,
in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Turn nations and leaders from ways that
lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace
and cooperation, teaching us to recognize
one another as neighbors. Guide legislators,
civil servants, judges, and police toward
laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord,
in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Tend to all in need of your compassion.
Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and
those yearning for forgiveness. Give
community to the lonely and neighbors to

the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit especially those on our parish prayer lists. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith especially Judith Anne LaChapelle. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pastor Marschhausen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reverend Johnson

COLLECT FOR LABOR DAY

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Pastor Marschhausen

PRAYER: WAKE US, O GOD

Wake us, O God, so that the sin of racism is purged from this land; break down the barriers that oppress all people of color; strengthen our resolve to work personally for justice; deliver us from complacency, indifference, and a return to the status quo; protect all who protest and all who are commissioned to protect and to serve; heal our addiction to privilege and power; and lead us, by your grace, to build your new community of love; we ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. **Amen.**

Reverend Johnson

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
 Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
 a people who pray, worship, learn,
 break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
 bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
 Wherever and however we gather,
 unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
 that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written "to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission" during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.

INTERCESSIONS *Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.*

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray,
 Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Pastor Marschhausen

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that you may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE HYMN *Earth and All the Stars*

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>REFRAIN: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!</i>	2. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>REFRAIN</i> 3. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!	Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>REFRAIN</i> 4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing	to the Lord a new song! <i>REFRAIN</i> 5. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>REFRAIN</i>
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Deacon Fedorchak dismisses the assembly

Leader: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

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DAILY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 7 -12

Mon – Sept 7

Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14- 16

1 Peter 2:11-17

Psalm 119:65-72

Tue – Sept 8

Deuteronomy 17:2-13

Romans 13:1-7

Psalm 119:65-72

Wed – Sept 9

Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28

Matthew 21:18-22

Psalm 119:65-72

Thu – Sept 10

Genesis 37:12-36

1 John 3:11-16

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Fri – Sept 11

Genesis 41:53–42:17

Acts 7:9-16

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Sat – Sept 12

Genesis 45:1-20

Matthew 6:7-15

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13