

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The FIFTH Sunday after Pentecost

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ELCA presiding bishop praises SCOTUS decision on LGBTQIA+ rights 6/24/2020

"ELCA social teaching supports human rights for all people, regardless of their sex (biological), gender, or sexuality. This stance is rooted in respect and welcome for all people as created in the image of God and evident in the ELCA's longstanding commitment to protecting civil and human rights" ([Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action](#), 2019).

As National Pride Month is celebrated across this country, I rejoice in the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that employment discrimination on the basis of a worker's sexual orientation or gender identity is illegal under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The court's decision is an important recognition of equal protection under the law for LGBTQIA+ people and for all.

LGBTQIA+ people are not faceless or nameless. They are our children, parents, siblings and colleagues. They work hard and pay taxes. They serve in our congregations and communities. Our life together is enriched. They are us. The U.S. Supreme Court ruling brings us a step closer to realizing our founding conviction, "We the people of the United States."

St. Paul writes, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). The June 15 decision brings the civic body a step closer to the cherished American value of equal rights for all. There is more work to be done to guarantee equal rights for LGBTQIA+ people beyond the workplace — in housing, medical care and military service. We are committed to this work as we celebrate, during Pride Month and all year round, the gifts of our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

In Christ's peace, Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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. *Psalm 75:1*

CONFESSON

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

Pastor Barclay leads

THE INVITATORY

Leader: 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 forever. Amen.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

Deus, Deus meus

O God, you are my God; **from break of day I seek you.**

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no
water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy
place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
*
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
*

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will
rejoice.
My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God; **from break of day I
seek you.**

Reader from St. Mary's

FIRST LESSON ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the
nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the
earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HYMN *What is This Place*

1. What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor. Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door. Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.
2. Words from a far, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and wonders send from the past are all we need. We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.
3. And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign. Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine. This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: our justice and God's peace.

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells

within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader from St. Mary's

CANTICLE K A Song of Our Adoption

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *

for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,

*

according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,

Ephesians 1:3-10

the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

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

Deacon Fedorchak reads

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Douglas Barclay

THE HYMN *This is My Song*

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'ry where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done. O God be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give you: let your will be done.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Pastor Barclay 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**

Reverend Johnson leads

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

People: And listen to our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray.

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 Concordia leads.

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighborhoods may be places of trust
and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we
pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Reverend Johnson COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Pastor Barclay 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.

Pastor Barclay leads

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS (Leader and People)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Reverend Johnson leads

THE BLESSING

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short,
grace to do something big for something good,
grace to remember that the world is too dangerous now for anything but truth

and too small for anything but love,
And may the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life: America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

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DAILY READINGS FOR JULY 6-11

Monday – July 6

Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16- 22
Romans 1:18-25
Psalm 131

Tuesday – July 7

Jeremiah 28:10-17
Romans 3:1-8
Psalm 131

Wednesday – July 8

Jeremiah 13:1-11
John 13:1-17
Psalm 131

Thursday – July 9

Isaiah 48:1-5
Romans 2:12-16
Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

Friday – July 10

Isaiah 48:6-11
Romans 15:14-21
Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

Saturday – July 11

Isaiah 52:1-6
John 12:44-50
Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13