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Reverend Johnson

OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

CONFESSON

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 \ddagger 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

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, *

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

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.

Psalm 145:1-8

***The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)***

¹I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

²**Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forev- | er and
ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly | to be
praised!

There is no end | to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your
works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power. R**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor | of

your majesty

and all your | marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of
your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance
of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your
righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full | of
compassion,
slow to anger and abounding
in | steadfast love. R**

Reader from St. Mary's

FIRST LESSON JONAH 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to

save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

THE HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. When mirth for music longs, this is

- my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
3. No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than "Jesus Christ

- be praised!" There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard oh, Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Let all of humankind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with

the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

5. Sing, sun, and stars of space, sing, all who see his face, sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!" God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30
To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are

standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Reader from St. Mary's

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 proclaims

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you

whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the

owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and

the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE HYMN *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

1. Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor; good works cannot avert our doom; they help and save us never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone, our only mediator.	must be fulfilled, Christ came as God in mercy willed, for us the law obeying.	alone and rests in him unceasing; and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living.	heaven above, you have revealed your saving love; your blessed name we hallow.
2. What God did in the law demand no one could keep unfailing; great woe arose on every hand, and sin grew all-prevailing. Because the law	3. Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation, we will rejoice, we will be glad and build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; baptized into your death, I'm freed; your life is mine forever.	5. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit! Lord, you have saved us by your grace, all glory to your merit! O triune God in	6. Your kingdom come, your will be done in this world as in heaven; give bread for each new day begun; our sins be all forgiven, as we forgive what others do; in every trial see us through; from evil save us. Amen.

Reverend Johnson

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Marschhausen

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.

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

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

A brief silence.

Generous God, you make the last first, and
the first last. Where this gospel challenges
the church, equip it for its works of service.
Strengthen those who suffer for Christ
especially all who work for justice. Lord, in
your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and
great cities—nothing in creation is outside
your concern, mighty God. In your mercy,
tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity
toward all you have made. Lord, in your
mercy,

hear our prayer.

Where we find envy and create enemies, you
provide enough for all. Bring peace to places

of conflict and violence *especially in our country.* Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are
gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent
from punishing. Accompany judges and
lawyers, victims of crime and those serving
sentences. Give fruitful labor and a
livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in
your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Even beyond our expectations, you choose
to give generously. Grant life, health, and
courage to all who are in need *especially
those on our parish prayer lists.* Lord, in
your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. 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.

Reverend Johnson

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

Pastor Marschhausen 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.*

THE BLESSING

Reverend Johnson

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

Lord of Light

1. Lord of light,
your name
outshining all the
stars and suns of
space, use our
talents in your
kingdom as the
servants of your
grace; use us to
fulfill your
purpose in the
gift of Christ
your Son:
Refrain Father,
as in highest

***heaven, so on
earth your will
be done.***
2. By the toil of
faithful workers
in some far
outlying field, by
the courage
where the
radiance of the
cross is still
revealed, by the
victories of
meekness,
through reproach

and suffering
won: **Refrain**
3. Grant that
knowledge, still
increasing, at
your feet may
lowly kneel; with
your grace our
triumphs hallow,
with your charity
our zeal; lift the
nations from the
shadows to the
gladness of the
sun: **Refrain**

4. By the prayers of
faithful watchers,
never silent day,
or night; by the
cross of Jesus,
bringing peace to
all and healing
light; by the love
that passes
knowledge,
making all your
children one:
Refrain

Deacon Fedorchak dismisses the assembly

Leader: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.
People: Thanks be to God.

NOTES:

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PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Pastor Marschhausen is beginning to visit the members of Concordia to get to know you. These visits will be scheduled as mutually agreed. Pastor Marschhausen will meet with people observing the safe practices of social distancing and wearing face masks. He will be happy to meet at your home provided you have a safe, outside location to meet. He will also meet safely at Concordia in either the Garden Room or the Lounge. Thirdly, if you prefer, he will meet via Zoom or FaceTime or Skype. When contacted about a visit, please sign up at a time convenient to you. Thank you!

DAILY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 21-26

Monday Sept 21

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

Psalm 119:33-40 (33)

Ephesians 2:4-10

Matthew 9:9-13

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised tax collector to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Tue – Sept 22

Genesis 28:10-17

Romans 16:17-20

Psalm 106:1-12

Wed – Sept 23

Isaiah 41:1-13

Matthew 18:1-5

Psalm 106:1-12

Thu – Sept 24

Ezekiel 12:17-28

James 4:11-16

Psalm 25:1-9

Fri – Sept 25

Ezekiel 18:5-18

Acts 13:32-41

Psalm 25:1-9

Sat – Sept 26

Ezekiel 18:19-24

Mark 11:27-33

Psalm 25:1-9