



THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY 12, JUNE 28, 2020

Liturgy and Sermon: Pr. Caron

GATHERING

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Trinity, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reforming God,

**You have promised to be with us and abundantly bless
yet in fear we are divided.**

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
failing to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We close our hand to our neighbor,
and use your good creation carelessly for our own benefit.**

**We place our hope in ourselves,
yet our efforts fall short of your love and your children suffer.**

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, re-form us ;
so that the world may know us by your love. Amen.**

Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins,
Now, seek good, and not evil; love mercy.
Encourage one another to acts of love
as we await the fullness of the coming Kingdom.
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We sing or speak the hymn, "God of Grace", as we are able.

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind
as on Pentecost descend
Drive us out from sheltered comfort
past these walls your people send
Sweep us into costly service
there with Christ to bear the cross
There with Christ to bear the cross

2. God of blazing God of burning
all that blocks your purpose purge
Through your church Christ's living Body
Let your flaming spirit surge
Where deceit conceals injustice
Kindle us to speak your truth
Kindle us to speak your truth

3. God of earthquake God of thunder
shake us loose from Lethargy
Break the chains of sin asunder
For earth's healing set us free
Crumble walls that still divide us
Make us one in Christ our Lord
Make us one in Christ our Lord

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969
Tune CWM RHONDA JOHN HUGHES 1873-1932

GREETING

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

Let us pray: O Word incarnate, how we long for you to continually burn within our hearts—that others may see your light shining through us and be drawn to you. We long to live righteous lives of love, justice, mercy, and grace. By your wise guiding, help us strive for truth and justice in a world of brokenness. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



The Readings

The first reading is from Jeremiah, the twenty-eighth chapter.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The second reading is from Romans, the sixth chapter.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel, Matthew 10:40-42, is offered.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood
Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God, Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter! **Glory to you O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sing or speak the hymn, ‘Where Cross the Crowded Way’, as we are able.

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| 1 | Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of clan and race,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, we see your face. | 4 | The cup of water giv'n for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face. |
| 2 | In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears. | 5 | O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again; |
| 3 | From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil. | 6 | Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God. |

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.
Tune: Germany William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

When we were baptized into Christ, we received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, that we would be made part of the Body of Christ and be strengthened in the Spirit and power to follow Christ. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church in trust and confidence.

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, empower us from the heart to shake off sin and separation in your name. Remove our obedience to everything that is not your righteousness of mercy, love and justice that leads to new life. God, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

As school years end we give thanks for all who have struggled and persevered in challenging and intimidating circumstances. Give them joy in accomplishments, even if we could not celebrate them as we wished. May they find rest, refreshment and renewal in the weeks ahead. God, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Here we may offer the needs of our hearts after each petition

God of wholeness, God of peace, come with power to restore us, to bring healing and new life. We lift before you:

all undergoing medical treatment from any and every cause, those who need care, but cannot access it;
for those engulfed by loss and grief from any cause...

those struggling and afraid for health in body, mind and finances....

Bring wholeness to every soul, and be our strength to meet the days ahead in faith and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we pray for those who mourn. Bring healing peace, O God, peace that only you can give. Gather us into reunion with our beloved dead into your sheltering dominion, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, eternal and living God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pause to share Peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, offer thanks out loud for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online or set apart and mailed. Then continue:



We sing or say “*The Doxology*” as we are able.

God of goodness and growth,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love
and kindle in us a desire
for the just advancement of our neighbor,
that, through the liberty with which we are blessed
we may work for equity and justice may be established in human society.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord:
Amen.

A Brief Silence

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Dwell in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

We say or sing the hymn 'Joyful, Joyful' (Tune: Ode to Joy) as we are able

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| 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day. | 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine! |
| 2 All thy works with joy surround thee
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee. | |

Text :Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922
Tune: Ode to Joy, Ludwig von Beethoven 1824

POSTLUDE



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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2020

REMEMBER TO CHECK the church web site (www.christpipersville.org) for worship and meeting updates and worship videos and resources or contact the church office for continued updates due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Worship service can be seen on Facebook Live at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember the family and friends of Margaret Lumadue, esp. daughter Jane Reinard & family, as they mourn her death. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Cindy can be reached during normal office hours Monday through Thursday between 8 and 10:30 a.m. (215-766-8730).

PLANS ARE BEING MADE to hold our first service on the church premises next Sunday, July 5th in the parish hall. Services will also continue to be posted online for those not yet comfortable with in-person worship. Watch for more details as the council works to form safety protocols to be followed.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Contact Cindy in the church office (215-766-8730 or send an e-mail) to volunteer for a week to mow the church lawn. Equipment is provided or you may bring your own. Please contact Paul Gruver with any questions.

THANK YOU for all the cards, prayers and messages of support following the death of our mother and grandmother. – Jane Reinard & family

COLLEGE STUDENTS: If you haven't received one, please contact the church office for an application for the Harold and Susie Myers Educational Fund scholarships. Deadline for submitting completed applications is Sunday, July 19th.

BLESSINGS BY THE BOX – Thank you to all who donated to this year’s food program to offer assistance to local Tinicum families facing food insecurity this summer. A total of \$1,330.00 was raised and Giant gift cards will be distributed to families on Monday, June 29th. Thanks for your generosity!

BOILER COMMITTEE – Contact Cindy in the church office (215-766-8730 or send an e-mail) to volunteer to help with research and fundraisers for replacing our boilers.

THE LORD’S PANTRY has a continuing need for donations. During the month of July we will be collecting juices, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (tuna, stew, soup, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord’s Pantry.

NEW ADDRESS: Barbara Thompson, 305 Fringe Tree Court, Doylestown, PA 18901. 215-340-7033.

GIANT GIFT CARDS can be purchased during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. (*Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.*) Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised \$1,000 to date in 2020.

DID YOU KNOW...Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. So far this year we’ve received \$2,066.00 through this program.

SIMPLY GIVING is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions or for an authorization form.

Week of June 28th at a Glance

(Please check the web site for updates and worship resources)

Sun. 6/28 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Mon. 6/29 Happy Birthday, Nick Campbell!

Wed. 7/01 Happy Birthday, Lynn Westover!
Happy Birthday, Phyllis Winterberg!

Thur. 7/02 Happy Birthday, Steven Gruver!

Fri. 7/03 Pastor’s Day Off, Office Closed
Happy Anniversary, Russ & Deb Snyder!

Sat. 7/04 Independence Day
Happy Birthday, Bev Swope!

Sun. 7/05 The 5th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM Worship in the Parish Hall