

AUGUSTANA

where Lutherans and Anglicans worship together

Pentecost 4 June 28, 2020

WOV Service of Word & Prayer

Thank you to today's worship assistant, , and to our musician Deborah Buck and to the choir members who are helping us sing.

We begin our time of worship as we began our life of faith: in the name of God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

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

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN "Baptized and Set Free" # 453 verses 1, 3, 4

We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more, Jesus opened the door
To a fountain bringing healing and wholeness and more.

We are nourished by water, all living things,
And by life that the Spirit abundantly brings
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
Precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Welcome ...

Give a cup of water to someone in need

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe
 Just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.
 Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? /refrain

For you alone are the Holy One.
 All nations will draw near and worship before you,
 For your just and holy works have been revealed. /refrain

SCRIPTURE READINGS

a reading from Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns.

Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

Word of God, Word of life **thanks be to God**

Psalm 13 – Hymn “How Long, O God” # 698 verses 3, 4, 5

A reading from Romans 6:20-23

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

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:40-42 **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever 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; and 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**

MEDITATION

SONG "Crashing Waters at Creation" # 455 verses 3 & 4

Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- Prayer of Confession – We return to the well ... the font ... the renewing water of our baptism.

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD'S RESPONSE TO US

Hear then God's response and let us be renewed by the promise of our baptism: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each short prayer will end with the words “hear us, O God” and you can make the prayer your own by responding “**your mercy is great.**”

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation. Let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unit. Open our eyes to recognize racism and give us the courage and words to speak out when needed. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land air, and waterways have been ill for too long. Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world. Help the members of our police force to serve and protect all citizens with respect and care. Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. We pray especially for the Alhamad/Wahid family and the Iqbal family. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. We pray especially for those who are targeted because of the colour of their skin, their ethnicity, their gender, or sexual orientation and identity. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

Healing God, console, heal, and nourish all in need especially Clayton, Logan, William, Marcus, Brody, Karin, Anthony, Robert, Curtis, Linda, Marci, Earl, Janet, Gayle, Evelyn,

Lisa, Danielle, Inger, Deanna, Carol, Wilma, Mary, Marlene, those who feel a sense of isolation, and all who we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts

(pause so people listening from home can add names)

May God's loving care bring healing. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**
 God of hope, we thank you for the many who serve to bring care and healing during this time of pandemic. Give us patience as we seek to learn what our "new normal" is. Give us compassion and wisdom so that we might treat each other with respect. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

God of companionship, as we keep our distance from one another and cover our faces with masks teach us how to love one another in word and deed. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died especially: Paul Freitag, Jennie Sukut, Herrie Ogilvie, Georgina Krenn, and Caron Parke. Comfort all who mourn. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Marilyn: Knowing how God loves us as a Mother and Father we pray in the words Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal life. AMEN.

SENDING SONG “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” # 538

Sing twice:

The Lord now send us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live

Sing twice:

The angels are not sent into our world of pain
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

DISMISSAL

You are the church. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.