St Peter Lutheran Church

**Worship 06-06-2021**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Welcome to worship!

Some things for you to know as we prepare for the service:

* Please keep your mask on.
* Please keep distance between households.
* Please keep your communion cup close by. Pastor Kristin will give instructions when it is time for communion.
* This service is being recorded and will be posted to the church website and Facebook page.

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Strengthen our faith and trust in him, that we may overcome over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Reading** 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

13Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, 14because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

  16So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.
 5:1For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**Gospel** Mark 3:20-35

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;] 20and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” 22And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.
  28“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—30for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”
  31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” 33And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one body; that is why we sing.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together with love.

You are the family of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire. You are the glorious new wine.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together with love.

**Recognition of High School Graduates**

Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduation from high school is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor Taylor, Connor, Jeremy, Autumn and Bennett, who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

At this time of celebration and transition, hear these words from holy scripture.

***Micah 6:8*** *- He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Dear graduates: We are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God’s continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

Let us pray. **Gracious God, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. You have guided and sustained these young people You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Guide their steps. Bless them and keep them now and forever.** **Amen.**

**Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 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**

Loving God, we ask you to sustain believers around the world. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this anniversary of D-Day, we ask you to bring an end to warfare throughout the world. Stop the violence between nations, in our communities, and inside our homes. Heal the wounds of prejudice, and embolden all who strive for peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask you to strengthen both those who are recovering from disease and those who now face death. Bring healing to humanity as it struggles against the coronavirus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Always we ask you to comfort all who suffer and to heal the sick. Provide care for all persons afflicted with mental illness, and sustain their families. Visit those whose pain is hidden from us and those we worry about. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in the faith, and we ask you to welcome us with them into your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, mighty God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**Communion**

The Lord be with you.**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

The Body of Christ given for you. *(You may remove the top layer of the communion cup and eat the wafer.)*

The Blood of Christ shed for you. *(You may remove the next layer of the communion cup and drink the grape juice.)*

*(Please dispose of the used cups in the bowl after worship.)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

***(Please exit using the Geele Avenue driveway. Thank you!)***

**Worship Assistants**

Message: Pastor Kristin

Music: Lori

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