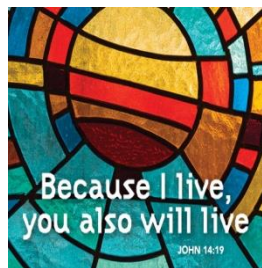


Sixth Sunday of Easter



10:00 am

May 17, 2020

Zion Lutheran Church

Camas, Washington

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Susan Dollinger, Associate Pastor

Prelude

Patrick Murphy

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Invocation

We will lift our hearts to you, God our Creator, like spring flowers to the sun. We will drink your living water until we are filled with the Spirit. We will reach out to you and bask in your loving presence. Creator, Son and Spirit come to us this day and fill our longing. Bring us peace and calm.

Amen.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.***

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Special Music

"We Praise Thee, O God"

Netherlands folk hymn

WORD

Bible Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and

imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Bible Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22
Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21
Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the

world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day “*Lord, Speak To Us, That We May Speak*” Number 676

1. Lord speak to us, that we may speak In living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.
2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.
3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o’erflow, in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Apostles’ Creed

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.

Time of Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***
Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer

Intercessory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to assure the isolated of our love, and your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Silence for reflection

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

For those who are guiding our nation, states, and cities at this time, guide them with wisdom and council. Help the leaders and all the people make decisions that benefit the neighbor. Shower them with creative solutions, and the ability to bring new resources to those who need them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

For those who are ill: Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, for the medical workers, home care givers, hospital staff, administrators, custodians, lab technicians, provide your guidance to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; especially those we speak out loud or in our hearts that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING

Benediction

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, \pm Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. ***Amen.***

Sending Hymn *"Son of God, Eternal Savior"* Number 655

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.
2. As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease. By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

Dismissal

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!

C: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

Silent Meditation

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"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

Text: Frances R. Havergal

Music: CANONBURY Robert Schumann

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Text: Somerset C. Lowry

Music: IN BABILONE

"We Praise Thee, O God"

Text: Julia Cady Cory

Music: A. Valerius, Netherlands folk hymn, arr. Edward Kremser