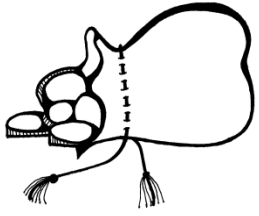


Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Healing Service
10:00 am (online)
November 15, 2020
Zion Lutheran Church
Camas, Washington
360-834-4201 Office
Susan Dollinger, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

Statement of Calm

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Sebastian Temple

Lord, make us instruments of Thy peace:
Where there is hatred, let us sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy...
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.**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Statement of Peace

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

First Reading

Psalm 91

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty ²will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; ⁴he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, ⁶or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. ⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. ¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

"On Eagles' Wings"

Michael Joncas

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Song

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Number 732

1. "I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."
3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."
4. "I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

Statement of Belief

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Apostles' Creed

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C: *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 to the dead. 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 Intercession

“Celtic Alleluia”

Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of Mt. Hood, the Columbia Gorge, Mt. St. Helens, and all the places of nature that bring peace and joy to our hearts. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Heal us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, bring healing to our nation and to our world. Heal us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Heal us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Bring peace to places of division, bring forgiveness for places of hurt, bring joy to places of sorrow. Heal us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Statement of Healing

O God, as we worship, make yourself known to us. If we have doubts, help us to find your presence in the ache of our uncertainty. If we have questions, relieve us of the need to always find answers. Help us to understand that in the constricting depth of things unknown there is a space to discover a flicker of light. If we have pain, help us turn to you. If we have joy, help us to share it. Pour out your anointing oil of grace like

baptismal water.

Bring healing to our bodies.

Bring healing to our emotional beings.

Bring healing to our minds.

Bring healing to our drained spirits.

Bring healing. Bring healing, Lord. Bring healing.

Statement of Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:31-32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

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.

Peace

P: May the peace of the risen Christ be with all of you.

C: ***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.

Special Music

“O Living Breath of God”

Number 407

Benediction

The love of God be the passion in your heart, the joy of God your strength when times are hard, the presence of God a peace that overflows. The blessing of God, Creator, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. ***Amen.***

SENDING

Sending song *"Trees of the Field"* Steffi Geiser Rubin, Stuart Dauermann

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands
As you go out with joy. *Repeat*

Dismissal

Go, confident in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for you, assured of the healing touch of Jesus upon you and emboldened by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you.

Our thanks to this morning's musicians:

Patrick Murphy , Karen Rezabek, Jennifer Rhodes

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