

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



10:00 am (online)
September 27, 2020
Zion Lutheran Church
Camas, Washington
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Prelude

Gary Ritter

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Zion Council

P: People of God, I ask you:
Will you support your elected Council: Jim Bibler, Kelly Bruce, Leslee Froehlich, Bob Hagen, Max Malcom, Susan Purkerson, Adam Sitler, and Barbara West and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: ***We will, and we ask God to help us.***

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P: 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.

P: 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.

C: ***By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.***

P: 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.

C: ***Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.***

P: 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

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

C: ***And also with you.***

P: You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe. Look upon these Confirmation candidates as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to your spirit and bring to fulfillment all that You have begun in them. Make each of us an instrument of Your love. Deepen our faith and help us to pass it on by our example in the world through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

Gathering Song

"Listen, God is Calling"

Number 513

Refrain:

L: Listen,

C: Listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

1. L: Jesus gave his mandate:
L: that he came to save us

C: share the good news
C: and set us free.

Refrain

2. L: Let none be forgotten
L: In the triune name of God

C: share the good news
C: go and baptize *Refrain*

3. L: Help us to be faithful
L: walking in your precepts

C: standing steadfast
C: led by your Word.

Refrain

WORD

Psalm Reading

Psalm 25:1-18

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: ***My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.***

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: ***Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.***

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: ***Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.***

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

C: ***You are gracious and upright, O Lord;***

L: therefore you teach sinners in your way.

C: ***You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.***

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out

your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

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

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’” ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Faith Statements and Message

Hymn of the Day *"Spirit of God, Descend"* v. 1, 3-4 Number 800

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.
3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
4. Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Affirmation of Baptism for **Jorja Ladage, Matthew Sitler, Julia van der Burgh**

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 *"But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own"* Felix Mendelssohn

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Restore places devastated by fire, hurricanes, and earthquakes, especially those we remember out loud or in our

hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

For the whole world: that all people may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

Living God, we pray now for our Confirmation candidates, that the gifts they received at baptism may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and enflame in them a desire to live as disciples of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

For their parents and sponsors, and for this community that promises to raise our children up in faith: that by word and example teach us to encourage others to follow in the footsteps of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Prayer of Preparation

P: Blessed are you, O God,

C: ***maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

Special Music

"One Bread, One Body"

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,

C: ***that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.***

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Number 504

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious, he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are a child of God.

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

Our thanks to this morning's musicians:

Pat Hagensen, Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson

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"Amazing Grace" Text: John Newton vs. 1-4, vs. 5 anon.; Music: NEW

BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, arr. Edwin O. Excell

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Text: George Croly; Music:

MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson

"But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" Felix Mendelssohn (from *St. Paul*);

Arr. Thelma Michelson; @1960 Neil A. Kjos Music Co., Publisher

"One Bread, One Body" Text and Music: John Foley,

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