

Sunday, June 21, 2020 • Third Sunday after Pentecost

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.  
We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING SONG**

***Lift High the Cross***

**#660**

***Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name***

**Come Christians follow where our captain trod  
Our king victorious Christ the Son of God**

***Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name***

**All newborn servants of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died**

***Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name***

**O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree  
As thou hast promised draw us all to thee**

***Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be  
Praise to the Crucified for victory**

***Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name***

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**GREETING**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A READING FROM JEREMIAH 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **A READING FROM ROMANS 6: 1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **A READING FROM MATTHEW 10:24-39**

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a

penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Josh Brecht**

**SONG**

***Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus***

**#802**

**Let us ever walk with Jesus  
Follow his example pure  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure  
Onward in his footsteps treading  
Trav'lers here our home above  
Full of faith and hope and love  
Let us do our Savior's bidding  
Faithful Lord with me abide  
I shall follow where you guide**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross  
Joy will follow all our sadness  
Where he is there is no loss  
Though today we sow no laughter  
We shall reap celestial joy  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter  
Jesus here I share your woe  
Help me there your joy to know**

Let us gladly die with Jesus  
Since by death he conquered death  
He will free us from destruction  
Give to us immortal breath  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate of heaven  
Jesus here with you I die  
There to live with you on high

Let us also live with Jesus  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken  
Jesus you are now our head  
We are your own living members  
Where you live there we shall be  
In your presence constantly  
Living there with you forever  
Jesus let me faithful be  
Life eternal grant to me

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## **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.

## **PRAYERS**

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

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuous support to our ministry during this time.*

## **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, 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 love.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

#661

**I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory  
Of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know it's true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else would do**

*I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love*

**I love to tell the story  
How pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy word.**

*I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love*

I love to tell the story  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new new song  
I'll sing the old old story  
That I have loved so long

*I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **SENDING MUSIC**

**Vocal Leader:** *Jamie De Geer and Mike Kerber*

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**Puppetry:** *Good Shepherd Fellowship Forever Abilities Matter-GSFFAM*

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