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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - June 28, 2020

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P There is only one God--Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God whose love never quits: help us admit that we have been wrong. Give us the world cannot. Tell us again you believe in us, so we can love ourselves and each other like you do.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *A time of silence follows.*
- P Loving God,
- C We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have made ourselves more important than we really are; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Forgive us, turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.
- P Here's the good news! Even when we have done wrong, God sees the good in us. Even when we have messed up, God give us a fresh start. God's love never runs out, and God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven.
- C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: All Are Welcome

Chorus

All are welcome friend and stranger At the banquet of the Savior All are welcome all are welcome here

Verse 1

From the woman who comes crying Leaving tears at Jesus' feet To the man who knows the right way But cannot see

Verse 2

From the ones who feel forgotten
Those who sense their place is gone
To the ones who live in hunger
Here you belong

Verse 3

Go into the streets and cities To the farms and families Tell about the splendid table God's mercy

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GREETING

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our Prince of Peace, our Mighty God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – *People of Hope*

Chorus

We are people of hope alive in the myst'ry Growing in faith learning to love We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry Held by the One who will never let go

Verse 1

We are dead in our striving

For wealth and for might But God rich in mercy Has loved us to life

Verse 2
We are what God made us
Created in Christ for justice and mercy
To be our way of life

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,

C you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

- ³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Are Welcome - ELW 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain

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RECOGNITION OF DAN TYE

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 OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond: "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: We Are Called - ELW 720

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

- Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain
- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
 Sing of that great day when all will be one!
 God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C Jesus.

P Grow

C Together.

P Serve

C Others.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS Week of June 28, 2020 www.welcome2CLC.com • Phone: 715-235-5573

<u>The Radio Broadcast</u> is sponsored today by the Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) in honor of the homebound members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church.

MISSION STATEMENT: "Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others."

VISION STATEMENT: "Christ Lutheran is where God's promise of love and forgiveness is for all."

PRAYER CONCERNS: Leonard "Andy" Anderson; Sue Dahm; Jeremy Eckert (Joel's brother); Gay Evenson; Kathy Falk; Mike Falk; Kathy Fullarton; Jonelle Gideo; Gordy Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Kevin McIntyre (Melissa Prange's brother); Grace Nelson (Vickie Kuester's mother); Shawn Stary; Cassandra Tye; Libby Wallace; Mabel Zunker (Troy's grandma); our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish) and Abusa (Pastor) Francis; all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

TODAY WE RECOGNIZE DAN TYE, who is "retiring" after many years of providing CLC with technical support and knowledge! We are grateful for Dan and his dedicated service.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS TO</u> Andrew & Kristina Skowanderson and big sister Signe on the birth of Sonje Kay on June 19! Congrats also to proud grandparents Pastor Randy & Bishop Laurie!

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Kayla Falk & Kyle Spagnoletti on their marriage June 20 at Peace Lutheran!

HAPPY BELATED 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Pastor Randy & Bishop Laurie on June 21!

<u>IT'S A SCAM!</u> Please do not respond to any emails that appear to be from Pastor Randy, asking for you to donate I-tune or other gift cards. These emails are not from Pastor Randy but are from scammers attempting to steal money.

THANK YOU for hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on June 23! The goal was 35 units, and a total of 46 units were collected!

- The Red Cross Crew—Abbi, Katelyn, Michael, Mandy, Annette, and Brian WEDNESDAY'S TABLE NEEDS a dessert planner; a volunteer coordinator; curbside servers; and—as always--prayers for our mission and all the guests who we serve, and monetary donations. Thank you!

<u>WEDNESDAY'S TABLE</u> menu for July 1: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Side Salad, Mixed Veggies, Fruit Salad. The menu is also posted on Facebook. [Menu items subject to change.] Thank you to Peace Lutheran Church for hosting the meal this week!

CLC FOODSHELF NEWS! Each week we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. Once a month, we order approximately \$1,000 (!) worth of food from Feed My People Food Bank. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. We need: canned peaches, pears, oranges, and applesauce; canned green beans, corn, peas, and carrots; spaghetti pasta and noodles; canned soup; canned chicken or tuna; minute rice and mashed potatoes; and peanut butter and jelly. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts--outside the church office or in the narthex.

IF YOU SEW OR DO CRAFTS, would you please consider making masks for everyone to wear here at church when services resume once again in the building? The pattern to make masks may be found here:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html. Masks are also needed to send to Lutheran World Relief this fall, so any extra masks would be appreciated for that as well. There was also a request from Dunn County for masks for county employees, so there is a need for cloth masks--locally and globally! Please pass this along to anyone who know who may like to help by making masks. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD! The annual Thrift, Quilt, & Bake Sale is tentatively planned for August 13, 14, and 15! Stay tuned for more details!

MEMORIALS

For Building Fund in memory of: 6/21--Jerry Smith, Rayola Herman, Geoff Scott, John LaCosse, and Jenny Larson from Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW).

For General Fund in memory of: 6/21--Donald Rhead (Lois Debee's brother),

Doc Tiller, and Dick Debee from Lois Debee and Twila Tiller.

HONORARIUM

For Sound/Technology Fund in honor of: 6-21—Dan Tye from Beth Hein.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS:

The items being collected for **School Kits** this year include the following:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide—or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10-1/2"; no loose-leaf paper.
- 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).
- Blunt pairs of scissors.
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons.
- 2-1/2" erasers.

We are collecting only the following items for **Baby Care Kits** and for **Personal Care Kits** this year:

- Hand towels, dark color recommended (towels must be new).
- Bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (soap must be new).

Donations of items for kits may be placed in the bin located in the office wing hallway.

Thrivent encourages all of us to "live generously." With your help and your donations and with the help of Thrivent Financial, we will once again be packing and sending quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall. Thank you!

Stepping Stones' 19th annual Garden Tour is a 'go' . . . online!

It won't be quite the same, but it IS happening! The gardeners have been lined up for almost a year and their gardens are flourishing. Although some places are starting to "re-open," large gatherings are still prohibited and we don't want to risk anyone's health. So this year's Garden Tour will be virtual!



You can enjoy it from the comfort of your home, your garden, or wherever you get Wi-Fi. And it will be FREE! Yes, of course we will ask for a donation as you're able, but no tickets will be sold -- and you can watch it over and over again.

The 2020 Garden Tour debut will be SATURDAY, JULY 25, on YouTube, Facebook, and the Stepping Stones' website.

Because the tour was originally scheduled for the end of June, that's when the filming will occur, and then we'll take a little while to put it together. We'll send more details closer to the time, but just wanted to let you know it's in the works. We all need beauty in our lives now more than ever, so we hope you'll plan to join us!

P.S. We're sorry there won't be any silent auction or Garden Market (plant sale) this year, but we'll hope to be able to make up for that next time.

Stepping Stones is taking food donations again!

In all the craziness of switching to our curbside pick-up food pantry program last March, we not only had to reduce our volunteer pool to be safe, it was also necessary to temporarily suspend accepting donations of food and personal care products.

Donations may now be dropped off on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.--the days the pantry is not open for distribution. There is a cart outside on these days, under one of the awnings, where all those much-appreciated goodies can be placed. If those days or times don't work for you, please contact us (715-235-2920 or info@steppingstonesdc.org), and we'll be happy to arrange another time.

If you'd like us to unload your donation, please have it in your trunk. Then call us or ring the doorbell on the pantry door, pull up by the cart, open your trunk, and wait in your vehicle—in order to minimize contact for the safety of all of us!

And, as always, if you'd like to make a financial donation, please call us, as we can process a credit card over the phone; or mail your donation to Stepping Stones, 1602 Stout Road, Menomonie, WI 54751. Donations may also be made on our website at www.steppingstonesdc.org.