

## ***APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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### **† APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT†**

*God's purpose for the church is to witness to his grace, forgiveness, compassion and justice. We fulfill this purpose by serving and caring for our local and global communities.*

## **APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *FATHER'S DAY***

### **GATHERING**

#### **Greeting**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **All:** Amen.

**P:** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*silence is kept for self-reflection*

**P:** God, our provider,

**All:** Help us. It is hard to believe that you have provided enough. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offence at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for the life of the world. Amen.

### **Gathering Hymn: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" #655 ELW**

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.

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.

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.

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, O grant our hope's fruition; Here on earth Your will be done.

### **Prayer of the Day – June 20th, 2021.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray.

**All: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

### **First Reading: 1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16.**

On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved. The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

**R:** Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 9: 9 - 20.**

9:9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**9:10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

9:11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

**9:12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

9:13 Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,

**9:14 so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.**

9:15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.

**9:16 The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.**

9:17 The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

**9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.**

9:19 Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.

**9:20 Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13.**

6:1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return--I speak as to children--open wide your hearts also.

**R:** Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*Musical Offering by John Perovich*

**Gospel Acclamation: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fourth chapter.

4:35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**P:** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon:** Pastor Peter Edardsen

**Hymn of the Day: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" #756 ELW**

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave, Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard, Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid the storm didst sleep: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude, And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, All trav'lers guard in danger's hour From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to thee Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

### Apostle's 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 and Concerns of the Community

**P:** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*a brief silence*

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be known to all peoples.

**P:** Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** At this time...

(Prayers or other concerns are offered)

**P:** We lift our prayers to you O God, trusting in your abiding mercy, shown to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving:

**P:** The Lord be with you.      **All: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of

everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Eucharistic Prayer:**

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord's Prayer:**

**P:** And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us.

**All: 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**

**P:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come, eat and be satisfied!                   **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" #767 ELW**

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray; so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near. Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe, for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come, I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home, then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend! So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

### Table Blessing

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep in you in his grace now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

**P:** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **All: Amen.**

### THE SENDING

#### We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries:

*22<sup>nd</sup> Bob Beske  
26<sup>th</sup> Mark & Nancy Leipert      26<sup>th</sup> John & Peg Perovich*

### Blessing

**P:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **All: Amen.**

**P:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sending Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #759 ELW

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When life's swift race is run, death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

