



Pentecost 5
Sunday, July 5, 2020



Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

Reconciling God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow

Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!

May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
shine forth in wisdom's light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grateful song.

Earth, hear your maker's voice; your great redeemer own;
believe obey, rejoice, and worship God alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before the Crucified!

And when in pow'r he comes, oh,
may then ev'ry land from all its rending toms send forth a glorious band, a countless throng,
with joy to sing to heav'n's high king salvation's song!

Greeting & Prayer

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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music: Vincent DiPeri & Carl Hulden

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:8-14

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

L: Word of God; word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

L: Word of God; word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

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

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Prayers

P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Holy Communion

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Distribution of Elements

Communion Hymn: **Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty** (Vs. 1&2)

“Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live.”

Refrain: Jesus, ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

“Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest.”

Refrain: Jesus, ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through this living bread and saving cup you open our lives to your healing love and forgiveness. Strengthen our faith, that we might be made whole, and proclaim the coming of your reign in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Light Dawns on a Weary World

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world; the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world; the promised feast of plenty comes.

Refrain

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, and wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world; the promised green of Eden comes.

Refrain



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Announcements

All church activities have been suspended until further notice.

Communion: The next Sunday we will incorporate communion into our worship is July 19th. We have ordered communion to go cups that can be picked up at the office or if you are unable to pick them up, we will deliver them to you. Watch for the email notifying you when the communion cups are available.

Pie To Go Steeple Fundraiser: Save the date—Sunday, July 19th, 3pm to 4:30pm. We need pie bakers and pie consumers!!!! Free will offering for pie by the slice or the whole pie! More information will be coming out soon!

Pie Bakers: If you are able to bake a pie or a few, please give Angie a call in the office to let her know how many you can bake for this event. This will help us to know how many we will have! THANK YOU!

Membership: a packet was sent out in the mail with membership information along with Time and Talent sheets. Please complete and send back to the church. This would greatly help with our membership database!

Check out our website: www.tflutheran.org for more information about our church.

Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

Have questions or in need of something?

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