

Announcements and Readings for Sunday, August 16, 2020

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples,

Your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

56 This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁸The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:

“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 will be read responsively

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—

²**so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

³May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.**

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.**

⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

The Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

¹¹ I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

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

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

¹³ He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.

¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

¹⁵ Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

¹⁶ "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷ "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord – **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

ASSISTING MINISTER and LECTOR: Thom Cipro

GREETERS: Tim & Bev Brosenitsch

CHILDREN: Available on the back pew are coloring books and crayons.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 6:30 worship meeting

FOOD CUPBOARD – SUMMER NEEDS

Rice, Mac & Cheese, Canned fruit, Canned Vegetables, Meal kits, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, dessert mixes, cereal, canned chicken.

WORSHIP NOTES

As we worship together once again, we want everyone to feel safe and comfortable during worship. Therefore, with that in mind the following steps will be taken:

We will sit every third pew to keep a safe distance from each other.

The offering plates will not be passed around, instead you will leave your offering in the plate as you leave worship along with the attendance form.

Hymns are also included in your bulletin as an insert. Hymns and liturgy will be sung by a cantor at this time. We will not have a Gathering Hymn. If you wish to sing along you may do so, but we request that you keep your mask on during any singing.

Communion will also be done together in the pews from the prepackaged wafer and juice you picked up on your way into the sanctuary. A waste receptacle will be on the table in the narthex for you to dispose of your communion as you leave worship.

Open the clear cellophane for the wafer first and then open the purple tab for the juice.

We have also purchased a supply of face masks that are available to anyone who needs one.

Included in your bulletin is an attendance form, please fill out and leave in the offering plate. This is to help us keep track of our members each Sunday.

COMBINED WORSHIP

On the fifth Sunday of August (August 30) we will have a combined worship with Zion Lutheran. The worship will be outside in the Zion picnic pavilion. Worship will be at 10:45. Everyone is to bring a lawn chair in order to be able to spread out and maintain safe distance requirements.

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning in September Pastor Tim will be starting a Bible discussion on the scripture readings for the following Sunday. You will have two different times to select from, one during the day and one in the evening. Tentatively the one in the evening will be at St. Paul and the one during the day at Zion. Please let Pastor Tim know if you are interested and which day works the best for you. You can also email the office at 215stpaul@gmail.com. Once we receive feedback from the congregations we will announce the place, time and date in both the bulletin and in the September newsletter.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Pastor Brewer will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination this year, and will be recognized at the online Synod assembly in November. Pastor Brewer served as a pastor of St. Paul from 1989 to 2011. Beginning in 2017, in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the inauguration of the United Lutheran Seminary, the synod began honoring each of their pastors celebrating 50 years of ordination with a \$500 gift to the seminary toward a new scholarship that will in time honor each year's group of 50-year anniversary pastors and benefit seminarians just entering into public ministry in the church.

If you would like to send Pastor Brewer a congratulatory greeting, his address is 219 S. Pittsburgh Street, Zelienople. Those who wish to help fund the scholarship that will in time help a new generation of faithful servants of the Gospel with seminary expenses may certainly do so. Congratulatory greeting and scholarship contributions may be directed to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, 9625 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Please note in the memo line "50th" Anniversary Scholarship Fund.

CAMP LUTHERLYN

FREE ONLINE WEEK OF CAMP: Enjoy a FREE week of virtual camp for Day Camp/Small Fries (1st-3rd grade), Juniors (4th-6th grade), and Jr. High/Sr. High (7th-12th grade). Go to www.lutherlyn.com/virtualcamp for more info.

Weekly campfire every Thursday this summer. Visit their website for campfire.

You are invited to visit camp this summer. You can rent a cabin for a family retreat weekend or come for the day on a Thursday or Friday. There is even the opportunity to swim in the pool and go on a guided nature hike with Todd or Holly! Visit www.lutherlyn.com and select "Day and Overnight Visits to Camp". They have just added more August dates. Reservations must be made by the Monday before your visit.

VISITORS

If you are a visitor, please fill free to take a copy of the newsletter in the pamphlet rack in the narthex. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.

