

Announcements and Readings for Sunday, August 2, 2020

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God,

Your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

55 "Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor."

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

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 will be read responsively.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹ **The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.**

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you,**

and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷**The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.**

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.**

²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹**My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

The Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

9 I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

ASSISTING MINISTER and LECTOR: Thom Cipro

GREETERS: Tim and Bev Brosenitsch

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

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. 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.

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.

FOOD CUPBOARD – SUMMER NEEDS

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

Sharon Kailber is resigning as Director of the Food Cupboard for personal reasons. She has done a fantastic job. We have hired a new Director. Her name is Erin Makowski. She is a Zelienople resident and we believe she will be a good fit. I will keep everyone posted. Food needs stay the same. Please continue to leave donations in the box in the vestibule. Monetary donations can be given to Phyllis or mailed to the Food Cupboard.

THANK YOU

To Carol Zimmerman for filling in for Nancy today.

THANK YOU

To John Bulger for leading us in worship today while Pastor Tim continues recovering from dental surgery.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

The splcofzelie@gmail address is no longer active. Please use our new address of 215stpaul@gmail.com
Also If I do not have your current email, please email it to me whenever possible.

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.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Pick up your copy of the August calendar in the narthex.

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.