

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020



He asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”... He said, “The one who showed him mercy”
(Luke 10:29,37).

Welcome!

+ Order of Worship +

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

C **And make Your face to shine upon us.**

P May Your ways be known upon the earth,

C **Your saving power among all peoples.**

P Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to His call we have acknowledged our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Venite (Psalm 95)

P O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

C Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and be glad in Him with psalms.

P For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

C In His hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are His also.

P The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands have molded the dry land.

C Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

P For He is our God;

C we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray – Almighty God, we thank You that You love and care for all Your people. When storm clouds loom and troubles threaten, bring peace and calm to us, because we know that everything is in Your hands. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:1-4

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,

being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

P Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C You have the words of eternal life.

P Alleluia, alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray with thanksgiving to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints.

Heavenly Father: thank You for Your mercy toward us each day, and for sending Jesus to suffer and die in our place. Help us to deal with our sins of self-righteousness and self-justification. Before You, Father, we admit our sins and cling to Jesus as our only hope of eternal life. Lord in Your mercy:

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the world and all people broken in mind, body and spirit. Do not abandon them but send them good neighbors to come to their aid. Move us to love our neighbors by feeling for their plight and crossing the road to help them. Lord in Your mercy:

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the church and for all who've been wounded, ignored or excluded by the church. Do not close Your eyes to their need but send them good neighbors to bind up their bleeding wounds and to pour on the ointment of Your love. Move us to reach out to those in our own Church family Who have fallen by the way. Give us the heart and desire to embrace them with the love of Christ. Lord in Your mercy:

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for our country, for our leaders and for all elected officers. Give them the heart and desire to be a good neighbor as they work to serve us. Help each of us to put into practice the example of the Good Samaritan. Lord in Your mercy:

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for our communities and our families, and for those who suffer trouble and grief, or who are sick and dying. Gracious Father, starting with each of us, send us as a good neighbor to comfort and give practical help. Move us to love our neighbors as well as those who are so different from us. Give us the patience to listen to their cries and not be so quick to judge. Lord in Your mercy:

C hear our prayer.

Wendy Shepherd – (recovering from hand injury):

Alexis Duffy, (Godchild of Greg and Cindy Clem suffering from cancer);

Pam Brown (Chase Larkin Center - Bowie); **Kathy** (sister of Pam Brown)

Ray Cannon, (husband of Susan Cannon, Patuxent River Health and Rehabilitation Center, Laurel) ;

Ruth Embry (White Oak Rehabilitation Center, Silver Spring);

David Shepherd (Home now); **Robin Beam**, (sister of Susan Lucero);

Give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

Birthdays:

Maya Francis (9/3); **Karen Curry** (9/5).

Now Father, listen as we come to You with our prayers:

P Help us to know, O God, that the one who calmed the dangerous sea is present with us, cares for us, and can calm the stormy waters of our lives. Help us to trust more fully and more deeply in You. We pray in the name of Jesus, who invites us to be at peace.

C Amen.

C **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**

Offering Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, in the midst of this pandemic we seek Your guidance and blessings. Instead of being united as we face this pandemic, it has become one more sign of the division that exists in our land. We are a nation that is drifting apart

Loving Father, help us to remember that the gift of democracy must never be taken for granted. To be free is an on-going work that requires all of us to work together. Help us to put aside our own feelings – jumbled and confused as they may be at this time – so that we may be a friend and neighbor to those You place in our lives.

Help us remember Your high calling to us to be agents of forgiveness and reconciliation, love and peace, healing and hope in a world made dark by fear and hatred and brokenness. Help us to rebuild this nation by seeking out Your image in the face of others, finding the best in us to serve those who are the least, the lost and the lonely. Help us to remember the words of Your servant St. John the Evangelist who reminds us today that “perfect love casts our fear.”

Bring too, an end to this pandemic. Bless all doctors, scientists as they seek Your guidance Help our children and families as they struggle to live and work in this new school year. All this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Crist Who is the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Announcements

Topic: Holy Cross Lutheran Church VOTERS' MEETING

Time: Aug 30, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82385543330?pwd=bGhJcWkyZzA0RFI3TjI2MEZQUIE5QT09>

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