

August 23, 2020

You Are Always Welcome Here Just As You Are!



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Worship Leaders – 9:00am Reader-Don Curtis, Worship Assistant-Jenny Coy, Children's Message-Sue Peters

11:00am - Reader-Scott Calcamuggio, Worship Assistant-Felicia Page, Children's Message-Lavisa Gehring

Volunteer Needed -Counter--Contact KJ Hermiller at 419-367-9111.

Book available for the whole congregation: White Fragility by Robin Diangelo-pick up a copy during office hours or ask a staff member for one. Watch your blasts for chapter questions.

Racial Healing—Small Groups led by Mutual Ministry - Join us August 27 or September 17 at 6:30pm on Memorial's lawn. Bring a chair, your own refreshment and wear a mask. Bring your Diversity Autobiography.

Installation of Intern Pastor Rebecca West-Estelle- August 30, 3:00pm Memorial's backyard. Wear a mask, bring a chair and social distance. Glenwood and St. Paul Lutheran will join us. Fellowship following.

Worship- Please wear masks and sit 6 feet apart-as per Governor's requirement during Covid19.

Contributions Needed Per Week:	\$6,307.25
Contributions Received Last Week:	\$4,370.00
Contributions Pledged thru 7-31-2020:	\$160,197.73
Contributions Received thru 7-31-2020:	\$151,543.68
Attendance Last Sunday 9:00	(51)
Attendance Last Sunday 11:00	(25)

Sunday August 23

11:00am Worship

Gather

Welcome

Call To Worship Abby Pommeranz "I Can Only Imagine"

Song "Come And Listen" by Dave Crowder spoken

Come and listen. Come to the water's edge, All you who know and fear the Lord.
Come and listen. Come to the water's edge, All you who are thirsty, come.

Let me tell you what He has done for me. Let me tell you what He had done for me.
He has done for you. He has done for us.

Come and listen. Come and listen to what He's done.
Come and listen. Come and listen to what He's done.
Praise our God for He is good. Praise our God for He is good. Praise our God for He is good.
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He has done for me. He has done for you. He has done for us.
Come and listen. Come and listen to what He's done.
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Greeting

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.**

Litany

A. God, who so graciously speaks to us and is present to us,
C. Help us to be present to you, and to your people.

A. We confess that we are distracted and noisy people.
C. We confess that we have avoided quieting ourselves before you.

R. We confess that we've been afraid of what you might say to us. **C. We confess that we are often so busy speaking that all we hear is our own opinions.**

R. We turn now to you, knowing that you are love, **C. And that love is what you are always telling us,**

P. Even when you are gently correcting us. **C. We need gentle correction now.**

A. We confess that we have not listened to our neighbors. **C. We confess that we have not made time and space to hear their stories and concerns.**

A. We confess that we have allowed our differences to put us off.
C. We confess that by not engaging, we have stifled love.

R. Show us how to listen attentively, **C. And to love our neighbors near and far.**

R. Show us how to open our ears and hearts
C. To those of different cultures, races, backgrounds, belief systems.

P. Show us how to embody the mission of Christ:
C. To prepare a great banquet and invite everyone to feast.

A. May we make space in our lives to hear your voice and do your good work.
C. May we know your voice.

A. May we overcome our fears of shame, and our reluctance to experience awkward moments. **C. May we follow the promptings of your Spirit without hesitation.**

P. May our hearts be big enough to hold the stories we hear.
C. May we live and love loudly, and listen quietly.

R. Be near to us as we do the work of quieting our souls.
C. That we may listen and learn from those around us. Amen.

Song: "This is the Feast" ELW 8 p 187

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and
honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and
join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the
Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

Word

Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. ³ The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. ⁴ “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Romans 12:1-8

¹² Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Alleluia. (Matt. 16:16)

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this

was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Children’s Message

Message “Listening and Proclaiming the Truth” Rev. A.N. Mary Adelsberger

Song “Blest be the Tie” ELW 656

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

MEAL

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of People

A: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Phyllis Ballas, Don Gurwell, Joanne Hummel, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Dee Carew, Pat Reiber, Dave Krouse, John Vance, Stan and Pat Mikolajczyk, Diane Denhof, Connie Szakovictz, Lori Vaillant, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, Heidi Johnson, the family of Jacob Gulch, the family of Barbara Keller and the family of Marty Modrowski, East Coast Hurricane Victims, **Protect Members of our military:** Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin and Pawloski and Reid Leslie. **Bless and Guide** Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Katie Leslie - our ordained-Deacon Student, Pastor Rebecca West-Estelle, Monroe Corridor Parish. Bring healing to tensions of diversity. Be with our economy essential workers and health care professionals. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: You call us into this community, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. Bring closure to Covid19 and heal persons and families from sickness, especially John Pickle and the Rarig/Harrington family. Be with our economy essential workers and health care professionals. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead especially Jacob Gulch, Barbara Keller, Cindy Vaculik and Marty Modrowski. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

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

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

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you with his grace.

C: Amen

Send

Announcements

Blessing

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen**

Closing Song "Listen God is Calling" (WOV 712) performed by The Worship Team

Refrain

Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that he came to save us and set us free.

Refrain

Let none be forgotten throughout the world. In the triune name of God go and baptize.

Refrain

Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in your precepts, led by your Word.

Refrain

Dismissal

A. Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**