

September 13, 2020

**You Are Always Welcome Here Just As You Are!**



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**PRAYER CONCERNS: Homebound:** Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care)

**Healing:** Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Dee Carew, Dave Krouse, Pat Reiber,

John Vance, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, Cindy Hensley, Sydney Hoffman, Grace Taylor, **Grieving:** The family of Cindy Vaculik, The family of Jacob Gulch,

The family of Barbara Keller, The family of Stan Mikolajczyk, The family of Connie Szakovictz, The family of Emma Mcphail, the family of David Smith, the family of Braylen Noble, **Military Members:** Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, Reid Leslie, **Those**

**in Crisis:** East Coast hurricane victims, California Fire Victims, Tornado victims in the South, Gulf Coast hurricane victims, **Those in our Community of Faith:** Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern

Rebecca West-Estel, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students in all schools

**Worship Leaders – 9:00am** Reader- Pastor Mary, Worship Assistants-Pastor Mary, Pastor Rebecca, Children's Message-Leslie Rhegness

**11:00am** - Reader-Pastor Mary, Worship Assistants-Pastor Mary, Pastor Rebecca, Children's Message-Pastor Mary

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

**Tuesday Morning Book Study** with Pastor "Embraced by the Spirit" 10AM, September 15<sup>th</sup> in Sanctuary

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** with Pastor "Joy" 6:30PM, September 16<sup>th</sup> in Sanctuary

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

**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.

**Family Movie Night** - This Saturday September. 19th, 8:00pm on Memorial's Lawn. We will watch the movie 'Casper'. Bring chairs, your own refreshments and wear a mask.

**Contributions: Needed Per Week: \$6,307.25 Received Last Week: \$6,029.66 Pledged thru 8-31-2020: \$183,083.12 Received thru 8-31-2020: \$173,850.68**

**Attendance Last Sunday 9:00 (40) 11:00 (22)**

**Sunday Sept 13-- 11am – Rally Day, Pastor Rebecca Preaches**

**Welcome**

**Introduction of Intern                  Rebecca Facey**

**Gather**

**Call to Worship**

PM. We call to You and give you praise, Lord God. You are the God of freedom. Let every race and nation sing Hallelujah. Guide our hearts Lord so that your justice and freedom is known in every heart!

**C. We cry Hallelujah! Today we start anew to cause all people everywhere to know true freedom in your love and in by our hearts, hands and voices.**

**Opening Song Halle H,alle Hallelujah WOV 612**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Greeting**

PM. May the Love of God, the peace of the Holy Spirit and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you and overflow to every soul!

**C. Amen.**

**“Kyrie” ELW 8**

Refrain

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev're day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lod, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrai**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain**

**Hymn of Praise ELW 8**

***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***

**Prayer of the Day**

PR. Oh Lord God, merciful Lord, You are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.  
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore You, that we may delight in  
doing Your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Word**

**Readings - PM**

**PM. Genesis 50:15-21**

**Joseph Reassures His Brothers**

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish

what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## **PM. Romans 14:1-12**

### **The Weak and the Strong**

**14** Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister<sup>[a]</sup>? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**C. Alleluia. We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on account of his name. Alleluia. (1 John 2:1, 12)**

## **PM. Matthew 18:21-35**

### **The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times" <sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold<sup>[b]</sup> was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his

knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. <sup>29</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. <sup>30</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' <sup>31</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>32</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>33</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>34</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>35</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>36</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## **Children's Message**

**Message**

**Pastor Rebecca West-Estel**

**Carol Topolski "The Love of Jesus Medley"**

**Song "When Love Is Found" WOV 749**

**When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one. When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and Share our maker's joy.**

**When love has flow'ed in trust and care, vuid both each day that love may dare to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.**

**When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to hope though all seems stange, till ease returns and love grows wise through list'ning ears and opened eyes.**

**PR. The 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 to the dead. 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**

## The Prayers of the People

PR: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

PM: You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PR: The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world, especially East Coast hurricane victims, California fire victims, tornado victims in the south, and Gulf Coast hurricane victims. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PM: Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom, especially Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West Estel, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PR: Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war and heal our sick, especially, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care) Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, , Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Dee Carew, Dave Krouse, Pat Reiber, John Vance, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, Cindy Hensley, Sydney Hoffman Grace Taylor. Be with our economy essential workers and health care professionals. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PM: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith, Jacob Gulch, Barbara Keller, Cindy Vaculik, Stan Mikolajczyk, and Connie Szakovictz, Braylen Noble. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PR: Bless and Protect Members of our military: Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin and Pawloski and Reid Leslie. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PM: Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PR: Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PM: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## Meal

### **The Great Thanksgiving (PM)**

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

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

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

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise**

### **The Words of Institution (PM)**

#### **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.**

#### **Lamb of God ELW 8**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

#### **Communion Distribution**

#### **Blessing**

PR. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and Peace. **C. Amen.**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Final Blessing**

PR. *The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Psalm 121:7–8) C. Amen.*

**Closing Song Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 858**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

Praise the the Lord, who wil proper your work nd defend you;  
surrely hs goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lod! Oh, let all that is in me adroe him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

**Dismissal**

PM. Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C. Thank be to God**