

Sunday, August 20, 2023
Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 20

Welcome to worship this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

The order below will help you to find your way through our worship service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers, the liturgy (p), if not printed, in the front section of the book. Thank you!

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Church Bells
Organ Prelude

Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 761, 1 – 2 & 4: Evening and Morning

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 67:

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

C: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

P: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Call to Confession:

P: Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things we have done, and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Reading from the Old Testament, Isaiah 56, 1, 6 – 8:

Maintain justice, and do what is right

Celtic Alleluia # 174

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Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 15: 21 – 28: *A Mother's Cry*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 876: Let the Whole Creation Cry

- The offering is gathered -

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

Announcements

Sending Hymn # 538: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements:

August 26th, 2023 – 11:00 am Helga Matz Memorial Service



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