Holy Communion Sunday, June 2, 2019 Pastor - Rev. Emily Tveite Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude

Pastor's greeting

Opening Hymn: #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

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Psalm: 97

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Sermon

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Communion Hymn: #462 Now We Join in Celebration

Sending Song: #881 Let All Things Now Living

Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS CELEBRATING OUR 137th YEAR IN HIS SERVICE 1882 - 2019

Pastor Emily Tveite began her work at Lutheran Campus Ministry in August 2015. She was born and raised in Austin, Texas and earned her undergraduate degree in Religion from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She completed her seminary studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. During that time, she served as Intern at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA. The experience of working in the Pacific Northwest inspired her passion for journeying with those new to the Christian faith and equipped her for working in a climate of declining religiosity. More recently, Pastor Emily served as Associate Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oregon, WI, where her work focused on faith formation for all ages. Her husband, Paul Tveite, is a Software Engineer. They are parents to toddler Eleanor. Emily enjoys cooking and eating, playing board games, and reading. She loves to travel and especially visiting America's National Parks.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world. Hear us. O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity (especially). Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus (especially). Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (commemoration of the Martyrs of Uganda, 1886; John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963) Psalm 29. Tuesday 2 Chronicles 5:2-14. Wednesday (commemoration of Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, 754) Ezekiel 3:12-21. Thursday Psalm 104:24-34, 35b. Friday (commemoration of Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866) Galatians 6:7-10. Saturday (Vigil of Pentecost) John 7:37-39. Day of Pentecost (commemoration of Columba, 597; Aidan, 651; Bede, 735; renewers of the church) Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 [25-27].

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Seventh Sunday of Easter June 2, 2019

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The

crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul

continued



The LORD reigns; let the learth rejoice; let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

²Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,

righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.

³ Fire goes be- ¹ fore the LORD,

burning up enemies on I every side.

⁴Lightnings light | up the world; the earth | sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains | melt like wax

before the Lord of I all the earth.

⁶The heavens declare your righteous- ¹ ness, O LORD, and all the peoples | see your glory. R

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight ¹ in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, I all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice, because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over ¹ all the earth; you are exalted far a-1 bove all gods.

¹⁰You who love the | LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous, and joy for the hon- lest of heart.

¹²Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's | holy name. R

shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Gospel

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them

even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."