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August 21, 2022- THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM – Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10

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Prelude - Untitled Hymn - Chris Rice

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

Merciful God,

C: 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: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW#533 - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" vs.1,5

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

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.

Kyrie ELW Page 203

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray . . . O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 59:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

L: A reading from Isaiah, the 59th Chapter.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 103:1-8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits-**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

L: A reading from Hebrews, the 12th chapter.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase "Yet once more" indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205

The Holy Gospel - Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon – Rev. Shirley Guider

Hymn of the Day – ELW#526 - "God is Here" vs. 1,2

The Apostles' Creed

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 power of 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 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 and Intercessions:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Music - River of Life - Bea von Watzdorf

Offertory Song - ELW 884

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

P: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (page 206)

Pastor: **The Lord be with you.** People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.** People: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Preface for Pentecost (spoken by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 207

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 208

Hymn during Distribution- ELW# 526 - “God is Here” vs.3&4

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW#796 - "How Firm a Foundation" vs. 1,2

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude in G minor - Edward Broughton

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. Shirley Guider
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	- Mark Harwick and Beth Snyder
Lector	- Becky Praster
Greeters	- Pat Zion
Communion Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, August 21st - 11th Sunday after Pentecost- with Rev. Shirley Guider
- Next Sunday, August 28th- 12th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Music & Worship committee will meet after church on Sunday, Aug. 28 to discuss fall & Advent services, bulletins, resuming choir, etc.
- On Sunday, September 11th We will be participating with the Palisades Church in a collection as a part of God's Work, Our Hands.
- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS- AUGUST 24th – Kendall Beerer
- AUGUST BAPTISMS- AUGUST 23rd – Peter Streletz; AUGUST 28th- Adam Philipps
- Our Outreach envelopes for August will go to our two local food banks

- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift the following up in prayer: ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bethany Michl; Barbara Naska; Beth Snyder; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Jessica & Giovanni Mette; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Erin Schoepflim; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.