**2nd sunday in pentecost- june 19th, 2022**

**zion, philipsburg**

**announcments**

Welcome to one and all on this 2nd Sunday of Pentecost, June 19th, 2022.

Thanks to all who came out to the NVMA community worship service last Sunday in Stratford, there were about 100 Lutherans from all of the area who attended, and over $570 was raised for CLWR’s Ukraine Appeal.

Council met on June 8, and Zion’s masking protocols were discussed. Following Synod guidelines masks will be recommended but not required for worship and church activities at Zion.

I would ask that you keep the family of Mark Doering in your prayers. Mark’s sister in-law Dee, wife of Bob Doering passed away at Grand River Hospital on Saturday June 11. A celebration of her life will take place on June 25.

Today we commemorate National Indigenous Day which takes place on June 21. The sermon was written by Pastor Janaki Bandara who was born in Jamaica and came to Canada to attend Martin Luther University a number of years ago. She is in between calls at the moment. The prayers of Intercession were adapted from prayers written by Deacon Scott Knarr and Pastor Elaine Boone.

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path** **but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,** **we long to take the best seats at the table.** **When met by those in need,** **we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.** **Save us from ourselves** **and free us to love our neighbors.** **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)**

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.  
  
2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.  
  
3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

**GREETING (ELW p. 98)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 102)**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

A reading from Isaiah.

1I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.  
 I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name.  
 2I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; 3a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; 4who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; 5who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. 6See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
 I will indeed repay into their laps 7their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.  
 8Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. 9I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

A reading from Galatians.

23Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Now there was a certain rich man who was habitually dressed in expensive purple and fine linen and celebrated and lived joyously in splendor every day. And a poor man named Lazarus, was laid at his gate, covered with sores. He[eagerly] longed to eat the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. Now it happened that the poor man died and his spirit was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom (paradise); and the rich man also died and was buried. In Hades (the realm of the dead), being in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham faraway and Lazarus in his bosom (paradise).And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in severe agony in this flame. ‘But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things[all the comforts and delights],and Lazarus likewise bad things[all the discomforts and distresses];but now he is comforted here[in paradise],while you are in severe agony. And besides all this, between us and you[people]a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to come over from here to you will not be able, and none may cross over from there to us.’ So the rich man said, ‘Then, father[Abraham],I beg you to send Lazarus to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—in order that he may solemnly warn them and witness to them, so that they too will not come to this place of torment. ‘But Abraham said, ‘They have[the Scriptures given by]Moses and the[writings of the]Prophets; let them listen to them. ‘He replied, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent[they will change their old way of thinking and seek God and His righteousness].’And he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to[the messages of]Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”[The Amplified Bible]

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 103)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY*God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW 705)**

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.  
  
2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,  
  
3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
let we miss your kingdom's goal.  
  
4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Creator God, we come to you in gratitude for the beauty of this land and all our relatives who call it home. Guide us to be better stewards of the earth. Help us to learn how best to care for lakes, waterways and the rich bounty of trees, fields, berries, and all creatures who live among us. We thank you for the First Peoples who cared for this territory and welcomed newcomers to the land. In faith -filled expectation, **Receive our prayer**

Creator God, we come to you with heavy hearts for those whose laughter has been silenced, for those whose voices have been silenced, for those who will no longer dance or play. We pray for those whose dreams have been taken or dismissed. We confess that we have often looked away and not seen or heard the cries of our

Indigenous neighbours. We thank you for the resilience and strength of those who have endured great hardship. In faith -filled expectation, **Receive our prayer.**

Creator God, we come to you asking for a sense of your presence in the lives of those whose hearts ache with loneliness and loss. We pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. In faith-filled expectation **Receive our prayer.**

Creator God, we come to you with thanksgiving for the reclaiming of lost languages, stories, and traditions. We have joyful hearts when First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities are willing to share their history, teachings, and cultural identity with us. We pray in hope for a future that is built on respect, peace, and friendship. In faith-filled expectation **Receive our prayer**

Creator God, You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father’s Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. In faith-filled expectation **Receive our prayer**

Creator God, we come to you in humility for the gifts that you have given us. Too often we have been lacking in humility and compassion for brown and black bodies. We have not seen the wounds or listened to the cries of thirst and hunger. Our hardened hearts and minds rest in the comfort of stolen land rather than the compassion of a common humanity. In faith-filled expectation, **Receive our prayer.**

Creator God, you know our needs before we ask. Move us to action, send us your healing presence and give us strength for the week ahead. **AMEN**

**PEACE (ELW p. 106)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**PREFACE (ELW p. 108)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE VIII (ELW p. 67)**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

 In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

 In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. **Christ has died.** **Christ is risen.** **Christ will come again.**

 Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

 Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

 Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 112)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** **673, 715**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886)**

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!  
  
2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.  
  
3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.  
  
4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.  
  
5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!  
  
6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

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