

June 28, 2020
Lectionary 13
English Lutheran Church of Bateman
& St. James Trinity Lutheran Church

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **C Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Reconciling God,
**C we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✙ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 139:1-12, 17-18

P ¹Lord, you have searched me out;
O Lord, you have known me.

**C ²You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

P ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C ⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

P ⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**C ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

P ⁷Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

**C ⁸If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

P ⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**C ¹⁰even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

P ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,"

**C ¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

P ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

**C ¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Rick Biedermann

Apostle's Creed

C 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 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 of Intercession

P Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.
(A brief silence.)

P God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God... **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God... **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned (*especially*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God... **C Your mercy is great.**

Prayers: especially...

ELCB: Mike Price, Terry Witt, Von Wolff, John Raether and Tammy Gilles as well as those we name aloud or in our hearts.

SJT: Bruce Steinke as well as those we name aloud or in our hearts.

P God of healing, we pray for our nation and the world as we face uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, and all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; Hear us, O God... **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God... **C Your mercy is great.**
(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God... **C Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

Offering

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

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