2020 06 14 Service of the Word.

IN THE NAME

P: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,

C: A holy nation, God's own people,

P: In order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him

C: Who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: We confess that we are born in bondage 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 failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

C: Amen.

PSALM 100

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into His presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,

and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Multiply Your mercy upon us that, with You as our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through good things temporal that we finally lose not those that are eternal; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

P: Our reading from the Holy Scriptures comes from the book of Exodus 19:2-8a.

"They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." So, Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come 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

SERMON for today is based on Exodus 19:2-8a.

P: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sermon "What does your pastor fear?"

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray!

C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church and her witness of hope to the world, that in every city, village and home across the globe the voice of the Lord may be heard by the faithful preaching of the Gospel.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who labour in the fields of the Lord today and for the Lord to raise up laborers for His harvest fields, that their work may be blessed and they may be protected and defended against the enemies of the Kingdom.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our Synod and John our national bishop and David our district bishop; for our congregations and pastors; and for the resources to accomplish what the Lord has given us to do despite all obstacles and temptations, that united in the faith we may serve the Lord with joy.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who come to the Lord's table today, that they may receive the Lord's body and blood in faith and rejoice in His gift of forgiveness, the renewal of their life and the promise of the eternal feast to come.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our congregations as we plan to resume our services. Guide us with Your Holy Spirit and grant us Your wisdom and discernment so that by Your grace we can gather again to receive Your most precious gifts and to proclaim Your salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who live under the flag of our nation, for those who govern in this country, and for the causes of peace and justice, that we may all be given grace and freedom to serve the Lord honourably and in accord with His Word.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the poor and hungry, the homeless and unemployed, the oppressed and those who suffer injustice, that the Lord would grant them mercy, and that we may help to relieve their suffering and want, and stand courageously for what is true and good.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick, that the Lord would grant them healing; and especially for Bob and Pat Taplin in all their afflictions, for the wounded in spirit, that the Lord would make them whole; and for the grieving, that the Lord would comfort them, for our brother Ian Pfeiffer, we give you thanks for successful surgery and we keep praying for full and speedy recovery. For all affected by the ongoing pandemic and its effects and for all those whom we now name silently in our hearts......

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who know the riches of the Lord's blessings, that they may cheerfully return to the Lord the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and give generously to the many agencies of the Church working to help those in need.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the dying, that they may have peace at the last; and for our grateful remembrance of all those who have died in Christ, that in the fullness of time the Lord may bring us with them into His everlasting presence where sin and death will trouble us no more.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O blessed Lord, through Moses You called a people to Yourself and from them You delivered up Your own Son to be our Saviour. By His sufferings and death, He has redeemed us sinners from our sins, and by His resurrection He has released us from the fear of death. Help us to live as Your own people, doing the good works for which we were created, and praying with confidence the petitions and supplications of our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

C: Amen.