

2020 06 21 Service of the Word.

IN THE NAME

P: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men,

C: I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

P: But whoever denies me before men,

C: I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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: Lord God, our heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against You, not only in my words and actions, but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which You know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased You, and repent of the evil I have done. For the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me in my weakness. 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 69:7-10, 16-18

P: For it is for Your sake that I have borne reproach,
that dishonor has covered my face.

**C: I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my mother's sons.**

For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

**When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,
it became my reproach.**

Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

**Hide not Your face from Your servant,
for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.**

Draw near to my soul, redeem me;
ransom me because of my enemies!

**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 for new life in Christ.

C: Thank You, loving God, that we have been baptised into Christ's death. We pray that, as You raised Him from death, we too live a new life, dead to sin, but alive for You in Jesus Christ. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

P: Our Gospel reading comes from the Gospel according to **Matthew 10:24-39**.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

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 **Matthew 10:24-39**

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

Sermon “Do you want to suffer?”

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

O merciful Father, hear Your people as they pray in the name of Jesus on behalf of all manner and conditions of people.

Faithful God, when we are fearful of our enemies and weary of the struggle, You have been our shield and our strength. Grant to us the full measure of Your grace to sustain us against all who are against us, and help us to endure the trials and temptations of this mortal life and be faithful unto death.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, with Your favour upon us, we pray You to help us in our fight against temptation and sin. Help us to live holy and righteous lives in true freedom by the power of Your Spirit, and keep us from surrendering ourselves to the slavery from which Christ has set us free.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we remember those who serve us in Jesus’ name. Bless the leaders of our Synod, all pastors and teachers, and all church workers, that they may be faithful in their calling and honour Christ with an obedient life. Raise up those who will follow in their steps and serve Your Kingdom in the years to come.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, give grace to those being baptized, to the catechumens in their instruction, and to all the places where Your people gather to learn Your Word. Equip

us to live out the promise of our baptismal life under Your grace, and guide us to love our neighbours as You have loved us.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray 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.**

Faithful God, give healing and strength to the sick and all afflicted in body or mind, and grant to those who struggle the gift of peace of mind and heart. We pray especially for Bob and Pat Taplin in all their afflictions, be with them and comfort them. Be with 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.**

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call into His nearer presence our sister in Christ Melva Vogelsang, Mum of our Lorraine Rosenzweig. We give you thanks for the blessings you have shared through Melva and we pray be with Lorraine and her family as they mourn this temporary separation.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, by Your Word and table You continue to feed and nourish Your people with all that will sustain our lives and faith. Help us to receive these gifts with faith and with repentance. Bring us to that day when all earthly divisions will cease and, united in faith, we shall be one people before Your altar.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, sanctify us as Your people and make us bold to confess You on earth. When this earthly life is ended and we stand before You on high, grant us to hear the Saviour's acknowledgment that we are His and He is ours forever.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, Father, and everything else for which we need, we pray You to grant us for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died and rose and 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.