

2020 07 05 Service of the Word.

IN THE NAME

P: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

C: And I will give you rest.

P: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

C: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

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 146:8-14

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: The Lord is good to all,
and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,
and all Your saints shall bless You!

**They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
and tell of Your power,**

To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all His words
and kind in all His works.

**The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**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: Almighty and merciful God, Your Son revealed the wonder of Your saving love in signs and miracles. Renew Your people by Your loving kindness, and sustain us in all our weakness by Your mighty power. We ask this 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 Scripture reading for today comes from **Romans 7:15-25**.

“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.”

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 **Romans 7:15-25**

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

Sermon “When pastor in capable of murder.”

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

Merciful Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us grace sufficient for our needs and all those for whom we pray.

Our God and King, as once Your people received You in joy, open our hearts to rejoice in Your coming so that we may meet You in Your Word and Sacrament, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Help us to bless and extol Your name before the nations and to declare Your salvation to the generations to come, proclaiming that You are gracious and abounding in steadfast love.

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

Our wise and giving God, You are the God of truth and in You is no falsehood or deception. Help us to delight in Your Law, to love what is good and true and right, and to seek after these things. Help us to wage war against the old Adam within us, restore us when we stray from Your Word, and forgive us when we give into the devil's temptations.

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

Our merciful God and Lord, You are good to all Your creation. Continue to bless Your Church and to provide for her faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word and church workers who will serve us in Your name. Make bold our witness before the nations, and help us to act in love toward our neighbours.

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

The Lord of Your Church, 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.**

Our Creator and Lord, from You all things come and to You are all things directed. Provide for our nation faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your law, protect and defend the citizens, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and inspire us to use our

freedom honourably. Guide us to be faithful in our stewardship of all the resources You have provided.

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

Our compassionate Lord, we do not suffer alone the pain and afflictions of this life, but we live them out within Your grace and are sustained by Your mercy. Hear us on behalf of the sick, those who suffer, the grieving and those to whom death is near and especially Bob and Pat Taplin. According to Your will, deliver them from their afflictions and give to all Your strength, patience and hope, that they may endure to eternal life. Show compassion, and drive all pestilence from our land.

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

Heavenly Father, it has pleased You to call into Your nearer presence our sister in Christ Joan Schulz. We give thanks to You for all the blessings that You have poured over us through Joan and pray that you would be with her family as they mourn this temporary separation.

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

Our loving Father, You have hidden Your greatness from our wisdom and made Your ways known to children. Guide us to bring our children to the waters of Baptism, to raise them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and to know perfect rest and peace within Your loving arms.

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

Our gentle God and Lord, You have invited us to come to You with the heavy burdens of this life, that we may find rest and peace in Your mercy. Grant relief to those who struggle, supply to those in need, hope to those who fear, and peace to those who are anxious, that we may be delivered from all adversity and brought to everlasting life, where we shall join the saints of old in Your presence forevermore.

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

Our heavenly Father and gracious God, as we come to the table Your Son has set, grant to us faith and repentance so that we may receive with joy and thanksgiving His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that what we have received with our lips we may keep in holiness of life.

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

All these things, blessed Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your merciful goodness and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.