2020 08 02 Service of the Word.

IN THE NAME

P: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

C: And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!"

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 17:1-7, 15

P: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!

Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

C: From Your presence let my vindication come!

Let Your eyes behold the right!

You have tried my heart, You have visited me by night,

You have tested me, and You will find nothing;

I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.

With regard to the works of man, by the word of Your lips

I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to Your paths;

my feet have not slipped.

I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;

incline Your ear to me; hear my words.

Wondrously show Your steadfast love,

O Savior of those who seek refuge

from their adversaries at Your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness;

when I awake, I shall be satisfied with Your likeness.

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: Lord God, You reveal Your almighty power most of all in showing mercy. In Your loving kindness let us run towards what You have promised, and share in Your heavenly treasure. 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 **Isaiah 55:1-5.**

"Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you."

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 **Isaiah 55:1-5**

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

Sermon "Come, buy without money!"

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 our heavenly Father for His mercy upon all of us and upon all people as they have need.

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." We praise You, holy Father, for Your faithfulness to us, for Your abundant and rich grace that You so undeservedly have granted to us. We rejoice in being able to gather again to receive Your gifts, and joyfully exclaim together with psalmist "one thing I will seek after – that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple."

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

Give counsel and aid, O Lord, for Your people cry to You in weakness and in need. Bless and prosper Your Church according to Your purpose, that she may be salt and light, giving bold witness to the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ and giving shape to Your love by showing compassion to all in need.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

Give to all pastors wisdom and courage to preach the Law faithfully and boldly to convict our hearts with respect to sin. In the Gospel, renew our hearts in the faith that Christ has died for our sin and washed us clean in the waters of our Baptism.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

Give to those who suffer for the sake of Your name and to those threatened with martyrdom the courage of Your good Spirit and the strength to be steadfast in the hour of trial. Deliver us from all temptation to depart from Your Word.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

Give Your blessing to the home, to husbands and wives, to the children in their care, and to the extended family. Guide them to serve each other in love, and make their homes places of blessing and peace where Your Word is spoken, forgiveness is shown, and love is demonstrated in word and in deed.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

Give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving, and peace to the dying. Especially we pray today for our brothers and sisters, for Bob Taplin and for Pat, for Margaret Moll, heavenly Father You know all their needs and You are the One who can provide them healing and restoration, we pray that according to Your gracious will You would grant them Your presence and peace.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

Give to Your people a repentant heart, that we may approach the table of our Lord with faith and receive from our Saviour the gifts of His body and blood for our good, to equip us for the good works for which we were created.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

Give to Your people a joyous remembrance of the saints, that we may be encouraged in life and in death by Your blessing and care and their faithfulness, until that day when we shall stand together with them before Your presence on high.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer!

All these things we pray, O Lord, in confidence of Your mercy. Supply us with all things needed and beneficial to us and to our faith, and keep from us all things harmful. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.