

Marks of Discipleship: September 27, 2020



St. John's Lutheran Church

Week Three: Participation in Weekly Worship

Accompanist: Gloria Gilbertson, Piano
Handbells: Michelle Coy, Kimberly Johnson, Donna Kutzler, Crysta Parkin
directed by Linda Wunderlich
Vocalist: Deacon Amanda Sabelko
Reader: Tim Tjosass
Worship Leader: Pastor Dave Efflandt
Preaching: Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

OPENING SONG: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Martha Kelsey
For Handbells and Piano

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the welcome you give to us all to come into your presence in worship and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading: Psalm 95:1-11

L: The first reading is from Psalm 95.

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! ⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." ¹¹Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

The Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

L: The second reading is from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Third Reading: John 6:19-24

L: The third reading is from the gospel of John, the sixth chapter.

¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

²²The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

SERMON: Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

SPECIAL MUSIC

“As the Deer”

Vocal Solo: Deacon Amanda Sabelko



SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Elliot Patrick Bernard

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death, and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: Megan and Nathan Bernard

Sponsors: Claire Erie and Nick Bernard

OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us.

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord.

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions (especially), change our minds and teach us to trust your authority.

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely.

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community (especially); make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors.

God of grace, we thank you for the welcome you give us all in the gift of baptism. Pour out your Spirit on all your children, and daily give them the forgiveness and direction that they need. We give thanks today for the baptism of Elliot. Continue to strengthen the faith life of his parents, sponsors, and of this community, as they do their best to live into the promises made here this morning around the font. Help them trust in your goodness and faithfulness, and to reach out with love and kindness to a world in the same way that you have done for us all.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship: Sunday at 9AM on the lawn; 10AM Zoom. Online available afternoon
→ Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays and the following Wednesdays
Wednesday at 6:30 PM at SJK: The Messengers have returned!

Bible Studies

Marks of Discipleship Studies: Tuesdays at 11 AM and Thursdays at 6 PM via Zoom
Women of Faith: Thursdays at 9:30 AM via Zoom
Bible and Brew: 7 PM Thursday Evenings

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ✝ and give you His peace. Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

**SENDING SONG: "Faith of Our Fathers" by Sandra Eithun
Handbells and Piano Arrangement**