

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



10:00 am (online)
August 30, 2020
Zion Lutheran Church
Camas, Washington
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Prelude "How Great Thou Art" Harp, Karen Rezabek

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Healing God, we come together in our brokenness, to call for your mercy, piece us together. Make us whole again.

Giving God, hear our prayers.

Restoring God, we gather to worship you, as we seek renewal and protection, of mind, body, and spirit.

God, our Quiet-Center, hear our prayers.

Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

God – our Beginning and our End, hear our prayers. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: Renew and Transform Us

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, now and forever whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived up to the example set by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Your mercy, hear our prayer of confession.

We confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious. We do not truly understand how to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us. Teach us to whole-heartedly love one another.

We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely.

Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.

We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies: to pray for their well-being, to leave thoughts of vengeance behind.

Forgive us for not forgiving. Teach us to forgive our trespassers.

You call us to turn away from the behaviors and attitudes of the world around us; and to be renewed and transformed by Your grace at work in our lives. Through Your Holy Spirit, continue the work that You have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to You. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Absolution

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✚ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Healing God, Fill our soul with the joy of forgiveness and the hope of everlasting life. Let not the sufferings and cares of this day make us disheartened. Strengthen and renew our spirits. Come to your people with healing in Your wings. **Amen.**

"Celtic Alleluia"

Psalm 26:1-12

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. ² Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. ⁴ I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with

hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. ⁶I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. ⁸O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

WORD

Bible Reading Romans 12:9-21
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *"Celtic Alleluia"*
Al-le-lu-ia: Thy Steadfast Love is before my eyes
Al-le-lu-ia. I walk in faithfulness to Thee. *Psalm 26:3*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28
From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him

aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day

"O Living Breath of God"

Belle Murphy, Jennifer Rhodes – flute
Karen Rezabek, harp

Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Heal our division. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick, especially those we remember in our hearts or speak aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all healing and restoration, we come to you humble in heart. We ask for healing for all people. Heal us from this disease and for all that ails us. Heal us from fear and selfishness. Bring us to love all people as Jesus taught. Unify us as one body in Christ. We ask for protection for mind, body and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

P: May the peace of the risen Christ be with all of you.

C: **And also with you.**

Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.

"Amazing Grace"

Jennifer Rhodes, flute
Karen Rezabek, harp

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.

Benediction for Healing

Now we leave this space of prayer and worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path is constantly changing.

We know God is love, and that remains.
We know Christ's light endures.
Never ending, never changing.
Bringing us ground beneath our feet.

The Holy Spirit is found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet together again.

May God heal your wounds, and your spirit.
May God protect you and keep you safe.

In the name of the Father, + the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you always.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sending Songs

"Jesus Loves Me!"

Number 595

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me, and some day, his face I'll see. *Refrain*
- 4 Jesus loves me! this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

Rose in celebration of the August 26th birth of **Finley Eleanor Brech**, daughter of **Ian & Josie Brech** and granddaughter of **Phil & Denise Brech**. Congratulations!

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"Amazing Grace"

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