

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister in Music

☐ = Pastor ☑ = Lector [reader] ☒ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)  
⬆ Please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDES:**

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Miriam

⬆ **GATHERING HYMN:** *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*

*ELW Hymn 657*

- 1 **Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.  
Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way. Have mercy, Lord.**
- 2 **Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.  
Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. Have mercy, Lord.**
- 4 **Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.  
Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. Have mercy, Lord.**
- 3 **Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.  
Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. Have mercy, Lord.**

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⬆ **GREETING**

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
☒ **And also with you.**

⬆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness.  
Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
☒ **Amen.**

**LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18**

- ☑ Our First Lesson is from the second letter to Timothy, the fourth chapter.

[P] **Paul writes:]** For as for me, I am already being poured out on the altar; yes, the time for my departure has arrived. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>All that awaits me now is the crown of righteousness which the Lord, "the Righteous Judge," will award to me on that Day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for him to appear. —*Complete Jewish Bible*

*2 Timothy 4:16-18*

<sup>16</sup>The first time I defended myself, no one helped me. Everyone left me. I pray that God will forgive them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stayed with me. The Lord gave me strength so that I could tell the Good News everywhere. He wanted all those who are not Jews to hear that Good News ... <sup>18</sup>The Lord will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Glory forever and ever be the Lord's. Amen. —*Easy-to-Read Version*

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 84:1-7, 12**

☐ Please join me in reading Psalm 84 responsively.

☐ <sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

☑ <sup>2</sup>**My soul yearns, ... and my heart and flesh cry out for the living God.**

☐ <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

☑ <sup>4</sup>**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; ever praising you.**

☐ <sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

☑ <sup>6</sup>**As they pass through the Valley of Baka, the Valley of Weeping, they make it a place of springs...**

☐ <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

☑ <sup>12</sup>**Blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

—*New International Version*

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

*ELW Hymn 208*

**1 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

**2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

*Bridge:* **Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**3 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

☐ The Gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

—*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*ELW Hymn 588*

**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n. ►**

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2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, altered

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### ↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God," please respond, "your mercy is great."*

*The prayers are ended with these words, "With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers  
to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."*

*Please respond, "Amen."*

### OFFERING

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### OFFERING HYMN: *Change My Heart, O God*

*ELW Hymn 801*

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

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### ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓟ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts.

☑ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.



☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, and join their unending hymn:

☑ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**  
—ELW page 144

### ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer is sung by a quartet at 8:30, and by the choir at 11:00.*

*Please sing, hum, and/or pray along with the musicians.*

*The musical setting is by Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964), as adapted by Janet Klevberg Day (2005).*

☐ ☑ **Our Father, [which] 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 [debts], as we forgive [our debtors]; 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.**

### SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.*

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.*

*You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.*

*You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine (as we have been using throughout the pandemic).*

*At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:*

*"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* [All Creation Sings Hymn 1078]

**Refrain:** **There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.**

**There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.**

- 1 **For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.**  
**In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God.** *Refrain*
- 2 **For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.**  
**In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God.** *Refrain*
- 3 **For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.**  
**In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God.** *Refrain*
- 4 **Lord, save us, take pity, light in our deepest night.**  
**We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God.** *Refrain*

## † PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ May The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

☞ **Amen.**

## † SENDING HYMN: *Guide My Feet*

*[All Creation Sings Hymn 987]*

*[A leader sings the words in parentheses]*

- 1 (Guide my feet) **while I run this race.** (Guide my feet) **while I run this race.**  
(Guide my feet) **while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**
- 2 (Hold my hand) **while I run this race.** (Hold my hand) **while I run this race.**  
(Hold my hand) **while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**
- 3 (Stand by me) **while I run this race.** (Stand by me) **while I run this race.**  
(Stand by me) **while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**
- 4 (I'm your child) **while I run this race.** (I'm your child) **while I run this race.**  
(I'm your child) **while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**
- 5 (Search my heart) **while I run this race.** (Search my heart) **while I run this race.**  
(Search my heart) **while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**

Text: African American spiritual

## † DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace, with God beside you. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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*Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko, Peg and Don Schaum*

*Ushers: Mark Barbour and Stephen Gundersen (8:30); Mike and Pat Oliver (11:00)*

*Tech Team: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins (8:30);*

*Sara Turk, David Turk, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn (11:00)*

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