



7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

Who is my Neighbor?

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

*You are invited to bring a bowl of water into your sacred space
as we remember our Baptismal unity.*



Gathering Music *Sanctuary/Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Greeting

As we gather from our separate locations, let us join together in worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

As a remembrance of your baptism into the community of God's people of all times and all places, dip your finger into your bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

Confession & Forgiveness

Trusting in the promise of God's forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we have seen the injustice in our world more clearly. The marginalized and invisible among us have been brought to our attention in vivid and shocking ways.

We confess our part in the suffering of the world. For not always loving our neighbors as you have commanded us. For not always having empathy for the suffering of others. For not always sharing our wealth with those who have little.

We ask that you draw near to us in our time of uncertainty. Forgive us our failure to live as your witness in the world. Forgive us our failure to love and support those in need. Forgive us our failure to care for your world.

Through the abundance of God's grace, you are forgiven of all your sin. Through the example of Jesus, you are given a model of love. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you are revitalized to serve. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love

Red ELW 708

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

Prayer of the Day

God our creator, by your holy prophet Jeremiah you taught your ancient people to seek the well-being of the cities in which they lived. We give our neighborhood and all our neighbors to your care. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Scripture Readings

Luke 10:35 - 37

⁵Then a teacher of the law stood up. He was trying to test Jesus. He said, "Teacher, what must I do to get life forever?"

²⁶ Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"²⁷ The man answered, "Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your

strength, and all your mind.”^[a] Also, “You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.”^[b] **28** Jesus said to him, “Your answer is right. Do this and you will have life forever.” **29** But the man wanted to show that the way he was living was right. So he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 To answer this question, Jesus said, “A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some robbers attacked him. They tore off his clothes and beat him. Then they left him lying there, almost dead. **31** It happened that a Jewish priest was going down that road. When the priest saw the man, he walked by on the other side of the road. **32** Next, a Levite^[c] came there. He went over and looked at the man. Then he walked by on the other side of the road. **33** Then a Samaritan^[d] traveling down the road came to where the hurt man was lying. He saw the man and felt very sorry for him. **34** The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil and wine^[e] on his wounds and bandaged them. He put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn. At the inn, the Samaritan took care of him. **35** The next day, the Samaritan brought out two silver coins^[f] and gave them to the innkeeper. The Samaritan said, ‘Take care of this man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.’”

36 Then Jesus said, “Which one of these three men do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by the robbers?” **37** The teacher of the law answered, “The one who helped him.”

Jesus said to him, “Then go and do the same thing he did!”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25:35-40

35 I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. **36** I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

37 “Then the good people will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?’

40 “Then the King will answer, ‘I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.’

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Message

Guest Preacher: Deacon Bonnie Yockstick

Storybook: "Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor, Too" – Grant

Song

All Are Welcome

Red ELW 641 vv. 1,4.5

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

Apostles' Creed

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.**

Sung before prayers

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing & Sending

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.
Love your neighbor as yourself.

Go in peace. Love & serve ALL neighbors. **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song

Light the Fire

**I stand to praise You But I fall on my knees
My spirit is willing But my flesh is so weak**

Chorus

So light the fire *Echo: Light the fire*

In my soul *Echo: In my weary soul*

Fan the flame *Echo: Fan the flame*

Make me whole *Echo: Make my spirit whole*

Lord you know *Echo: Lord you know*

Just where I've been *Echo: Where I've been*

Both: So light the fire in my heart again

**I feel Your arms around me
As the healing begins
Your Spirit goes through me
Like a mighty rushing wind**

Chorus

Postlude

Go!



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Guest Preacher: Deacon Bonnie Yockstick
- Assisting Minister: Amy Evancheck
- Prayer of the Day: Cutter Nunley
- Scripture Reader: Kat Patterson
- Peace: Payton Artaz
- Blessing/Sending: Matthew Mohrbacher
- Musicians: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
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