

HEARTS @ HOME



A Worship Service for Your Household

Sunday May 30, 2021

Pentecost 1

RCL: John 3:1-17

+ GATHERING +

In unity with the Triune God - Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS¹ +

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

AMEN

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done, and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

+ PRAYER +

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, live-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

+ SCRIPTURE +

+ **John 3:1-17**

+ **Spark Story Bible:** The Light of the World (Page 416-419)

+ **Northwest Synod of Wisconsin App:** Click the 'Bible' tab at the bottom.

+ REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD +

Option 1: Click on your congregation's online weekly sermon video & watch it together

Option 2: Use the following questions for in-home conversation or personal reflection

Questions:

- + What questions do you have about God? The Trinity?
- + Where did you first learn about God's love?
- + Is it easy or difficult to tell others Jesus loves them? Why or why not?

+ 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.

+ PRAYERS +

With all the people of God, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

- + We pray for our congregations, that, guided by the Holy Spirit, they continue to find creative and meaningful ways to 'make disciples of all nations' through teaching, service and acts of compassion. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + We give thanks, healing God, for the gifts of medicine and science which we rely on for the ongoing health and well-being of our families, communities and congregations. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + For the summer months whose sunshine and rain nourish fields and gardens; for the workers who tend to these plants, and for the hope that comes with patience through the soil, we give you thanks, O God. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + We pray for the family and friends of George Floyd, for the city of Minneapolis, and for all those who live with the fear, grief and frustration of systemic racism; God of grace, help us to listen. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

+ *Add your own prayers here...*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **AMEN.**

+ OFFERING +

As people of faith we are called to continue strengthening the ministry of the church, even when we are physically distant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to your congregation or the synod – as the body of Christ we work together to serve our neighbors.

+ LORD'S PRAYER +

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.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. **AMEN.**

+ BLESSING EACH OTHER +

Using your pointer finger, dip it in the bowl of water, and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead or the back of their hand saying, **"You are a beloved child of God."**
Take turns until each household member has been blessed.

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