

June 21, 2020  
American Lutheran Church/Filley  
Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

## INVOCATION

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Christine Longhurst, re:Worship)

P: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: (Eph 1)

**C: who knew you and chose you before the world began;** (I Pet 1, Eph 1)

P: who loves you so much that he calls you his own children; (I Jn 3)

**C: who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with his glorious power;** (Col 1)

P: who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade; (I Pet 1)

**C: who encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word;** (2 Thess 2)

P: who comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others. (2 Cor 1)

**C: This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live.** (I Cor 8)

**ALL: Let's worship God together!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the Gospel lesson for today...Jesus speaks about worthiness. .

**C: We so often feel we fail the worthy test.**

P: We tend to feel that we could be better at what we do.

**C: We could be a better parent...we could be a better son or daughter.**

P: We can feel we are not worthy...we are not as good as others...not as good as we feel we should be.

**C: We aren't the stars of the team. We don't get the highest grades...We don't get the appreciation or attention at work that others do.**

P: We are not worthy.

**C: We can suffer from low self-esteem.**

P: We can forget that we are who God made...for whom God has a purpose.

**C: In today's Gospel Jesus gives the ultimate 'worthy' test. Jesus says...**

P: "Whoever loves father or mother/son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

**C: We are not worthy. And Jesus also said...**

P: "Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me."

**C: We are not worthy...and Jesus also said...**

P: "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

**C: We are not worthy.**

P: But we are worthy. We love our parents and we love our children...and we love them because of the love God has planted in us.

**C: We love life because Jesus has given us a chance. It is he who has taught us what to value...and what to cherish. It is Jesus who has taught us how to find the true life.**

P: We are worthy because Jesus has died for our forgiveness.

**C: In the lesson from Romans Paul teaches that in our baptism our sins are buried...and a new life given.**

P: As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...

**C: Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: We pray together...

**C: Gracious Lord, we bow before you knowing that we are plagued by sin...and yet set free day after day to love life...and love each other...because of the grace that comes flowing from the cross. We thank you for the ones who journey with us, encouraging us in faith and love. We thank you for the church, where we hear your word and are renewed in grace. Accept our humble thanks and encourage us each day to love you and trust you. In your holy name we pray... Amen**

### **Romans 6:1b-11 NLT**

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 10:32-39 ESV**

(Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.)

Matthew 10:32-39 English Standard Version (ESV)

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

MESSAGE - Pastor LuRae

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 into hell.  
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 PEOPLE

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

Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air and waterways have been ill for too long. Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats. Hear us, O God

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to nurture and defend others across the world as health care workers, law enforcement officers, first responders and others in the domestic front lines. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or target for being who they are. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all who whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died, increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

**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

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

