**Worship at Home: 7/5/2020**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,

and of the ☩ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG*The Power of Your Love***

**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**

Let us pray.

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Song *Trust in You***

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-25**

A reading from Zechariah.

9Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
  Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
 Lo, your king comes to you;  
  triumphant and victorious is he,  
 humble and riding on a donkey,  
  on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
 10He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
  and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
  and he shall command peace to the nations;  
 his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
  and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
  
 11As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
  I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
 12Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
  today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14**

8The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,  
  **slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**  
 9**Lord, you are | good to all,**  
  **and your compassion is over | all your works.**  
 10All your works shall praise | you, O Lord,  
  **and your faithful | ones shall bless you.**  
 11**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom**  
  **and speak | of your power,**  
 12that all people may know | of your power  
  **and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.**  
 13**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**  
  **You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**  
 14The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
  **and lifts up those who | are bowed down.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

A reading from Romans.

15I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 19For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.  
  21So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25aThanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] 16“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,  
 17‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
  we wailed, and you did not mourn.’  
18For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; 19the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”  
  25At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.  
  28“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY*Thy Will***

**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 OF INTERCESSION**

**Pr. Bill Wendt** – Former pastor of Pleasant Valley. Healing after surgery.

**Maureen Kuhn** — Kay’s sister-in-law. Starting treatment this week.

**Kirk Hove** – Margaret Hazen’s grandson. Healing.

**Kitty Ferrara** – Kari’s Aunt. Preparing for 2 heart surgeries

**Deb Friis** - treatment for cancer, friend of the Vlcek’s  
**Riverlyn Walsh** – an infant grandniece of Jennifer and Eric Anderson- has  
leukemia, is receiving chemo treatments, has been having some bad days.  
**Catherine Erickson** – pancreatic cancer  
**Gerri Sessions** – strengthening & healing  
**Martha McCourt** – Marianna Gilbertson’s mother. Living in a nursing home  
with dementia  
**Henry Karnatz** – Kari’s dad. Living with dementia  
**Holly Poore** – in Thailand for 1 year, teaching English  
**Dan and Shelby Hill and family** - missionaries living in France  
**Keyla Lisbeth** - the Sharing the Dream recipient, student in Guatemala  
**Our service men and women; Alex Bauer** stationed in South Korea  
**The inmates at CVCTF** The neighborhood people we have chosen to pray for  
this month.

**Those in our community for whom we pray this month**  
  
**All those on our visiting list:**  
Bob Dutter, Gary and Sharon Hazen,  
Jim and Janice Teigen

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

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**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG*Praise the Father, Praise the Son***

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**