

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Sunday, June 28, 2020

9:30 am

INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

PRELUDE

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING HYMN

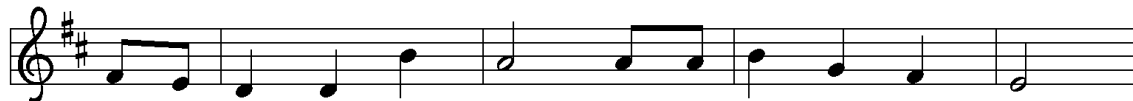
Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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.

Transcendent God, you took human form and with it, human sexuality and gender, entering into our broken world, bearing our suffering along with us. We remember that on this day, 51 years ago, a riot broke out as a response to years of victimization and oppression of the LGBTQIA community. We lift up those lives and their voices, remembering their hardships. We ask you to send your Spirit, that we may listen to the voices of our neighbors and work together to end the oppression of your children who are hurt by discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender. As your child, Jesus Christ, healed the woman who touched the hem of his cloak, help us to provide healing to one another, removing the barriers that separate your beloved children from access to hope, safety, and life abundant. Let this church be a safe haven. We pray all this through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Adapted from: "Her Voice, the Pine: A Journey of Becoming."

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Dearest Jesus, at your word, we have come again to hear you.
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, and in growing faith be near you.
As the promises here given, draw us ever t'ward your heaven.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

+ Meal +

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The offertory time is an opportunity to receive the gift of music and to reflect on how we might practice gratitude and generosity toward one another. It is in gratitude that we can find solace during this time, by seeing goodness in the face of despair, hope in the midst of anxiety, and joy in the midst of fear. One aspect of practicing gratitude and generosity is stewarding the financial resources in our care. If you would like to make a gift to the ministry of the church, you may visit stjohnswilmette.org/give to donate online. You may also write a check made out to St. John's Lutheran Church and mail it to 1235 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. St. John's is deeply grateful for the generosity of our members and supporters, which allows us to be generous to others through our ministry.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Mother/Parent 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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

+ Sending +

CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace; have courage;
hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak,
and help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

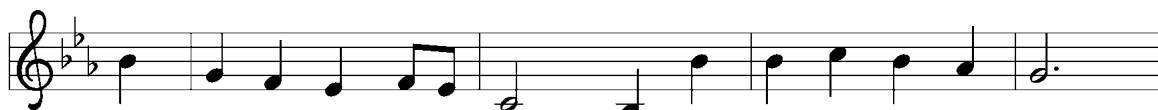
BLESSING

In the name of Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| † The family and friends of Bob Anderson who died 6/8/20 | † The family and friends of Jean Olan, cousin of Bill Kaspar, who died 6/11/20 |
| † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20 | † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain. |
| † Pastor Mike Flowered and family as they mourn the death of Mike's mother, who died on June 12 | † Greyson Nester |
| † Chad Johnson, recovering from a bike accident on 5/30/20 | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland |
| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Marty Anderson |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson, in need of healing |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel & Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer surgery | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in need of healing | † Sydney Johnson, her work |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm | † Mark Voosen |
| † Susan Crist | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink |
| † Lani Miller | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel |
| † Doug Peters, managing cancer and recovering from surgery | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family |
| | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † the officers of the Rogers Park police district |

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SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Hannah McConnell
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Craig Gonder
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting will be this morning, immediately following worship (at around 10:30 am). The purpose of this meeting will be to elect congregational leaders, including Council members and officers, a new Nominating Committee, and 2020 Synod Assembly delegates; to celebrate all that we have accomplished as a congregation in the past year; and to recognize our ministry leaders and give thanks to God for their leadership. This meeting will be held virtually on the same Zoom connection as the Sunday worship service. Please plan to stay after the service this morning to participate in this important meeting.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Allison will be on vacation for the next two weeks. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Jan in the church office (847-251-1730). Pastor John Lang will be on call.

Poor People's Campaign Statewide Call

Thanks to everyone who participated in the June 20, 2020 Mass Digital Gathering, which included millions of people from around the country. As a follow up to this event, all are encouraged to connect with their state chapter. The Illinois state chapter will be having its next statewide Zoom call on Wednesday, July 1st at 8 pm. Register [here](#) and join the event!

Guest Preacher Next Sunday

Pastor Ellie VerGowe, Pastor of Outreach and Worship at First Covenant Church in Seattle, WA, will be preaching and presiding next Sunday, July 5th. She is a close friend of Pastor Allison from her time living in Seattle. There will not be communion during this service.

Help for Mindy

Our beloved Mindy Davis, regular Saturday service attendee and co-leader of the Rooted in Relationships Team, is in need of financial assistance during this time. Please see her [GoFundMe page](#) for more information and to make donations. If you'd like to donate to her directly, you can reach out to Pastor Allison for her contact information (or check the directory).

Anti-Racism Resources

Mylene Pollock's company, SmallGood, has created a list of anti-racism resources including books, podcasts, films, articles, and groups to follow on social media. "From light content to more thorough, there something for everyone, including kids," Mylene says. Check it out [here](#).

A **Coloring Sheet** (for adults and children) and a **Children's Bulletin** have been emailed to you. Feel free to color during the service or throughout the week. Please take a picture of your work and email it to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com to be included in next week's "Art Gallery."

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet during the months of July and August. We will resume meeting in September.

Face Mask Challenge

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

Member Milestones: Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be included in the Member Milestones section of our eNewsletter! This section of the newsletter is also an opportunity to share any special events that come up in your or your family's life. Milestones may include happy occasions and other serious life cycle events, including but not limited to graduation, wedding engagement, illness, surgery, death in the family, job change, award received, etc. Please e-mail your information to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM	Online Worship with Children's Message
10:30 AM	Congregational Meeting

THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM	Men's Group Online
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SATURDAY

5:00 PM	Candlelight Service Online
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