Pentecost 02

06-11-2023 Greg Fetzer, Pastor J.V. Trautwein, Pastor Emeritus

Celebrate (Introduction)

"Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners – the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world."

Opening Hymn: ELW 556 – Morning Has Broken

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: <u>ELW 660 – Lift High the Cross</u>

1st Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalmody: Psalm 50:7-15

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

- ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.
- ¹⁰ For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
- ¹¹ I know all the birds of the air,^[a] and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹² "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.

- ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,^[b]

and pay your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

2nd Reading: Romans 4:13-25

The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Hymn: ELW 717 – Let Justice Flow Like Streams

The Message: (Sermon Audio Link)

Offering*: (<u>On-Line giving Link</u>)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Mary Kissh, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you; The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters Live on knowing God's love, The joy of living this life of love, And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you. So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: ELW 705 – God of Grace and God of GLory

Announcements

- Sunday, 6/11/2023 Piano Recitals: 2 pm, 3:30 pm, 5 pm
- Violin Recital Cassidy McPherson 6/15/2023 7 pm
- Potluck Dinner with Channing Memorial Church 6/17/2023 5 pm
- Clean-Up Day 6/24/2023 10 am
- Frederick Keys Game 7/8/2023 6 pm (fireworks following)

*Offering to be sent to Robert Brackbill 10274 Raleigh Tavern Lane Ellicott City, MD 21042

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