



Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE – Amazing Grace...arr. Joseph Martin

WELCOME

HYMN – Amazing Grace (LBW No. 448, vss. 1,2,3)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21-22 “Forgiveness”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Jackie & Jordan Bucks

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READING – 2 Corinthians 2:1-10

SERMON – The Rev. Gordon A. Camp

SPECIAL MUSIC – Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho...arr. Susan Geschke
Glory Ringers

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a fishing net. Help your church witness to the surprising yet common ways you encounter us in daily life.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers. Treasuring the earth, may we live as grateful and healing caretakers of our home.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As the birds of the air nest in branches of trees, gather the nations of the world into the welcoming shade of your merciful reign. Direct leaders of nations to build trust with each other and walk in the way of peace. (Here a particular world struggle may be named.)

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to your will. Help us when we do not know how to pray. Give comfort to the dying, refuge to the weary, justice to those who are oppressed, and healing to the sick (especially).

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You show steadfast love and direct us to ask of you what we need. Help this congregation ask boldly for what is most needed. Refresh us with new dreams of being your people in this place and time.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In you our lives are never lost. Strengthen us by the inspiring witness of your people in all times and places. Embolden our witness now and one day gather us with all your saints in light (especially).

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

As well as the words for prayer that Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Praise Song - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW No 674, vss. 1,2,3)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE - "Linstead"...arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Look at the exciting news from ULC!

Listen to Worship Services on your Phone-Hearing Pastor Camp's weekly scripture reading and sermon is only a phone call away...just call 610-885-8237. This phone call is free and will allow those who do not have access to a computer to hear Pastor's weekly message. **Check it out...Call 610-885-8237!**

Sunday Worship Services will continue to be emailed to you every Sunday morning. Check out **previous worship services or Wednesday** devotions by going to our website: www.ulclv.org. Click on the blue button "Click here for Virtual Worship".

Reopening Team Update— This week, our Reopening Team sent an update to the congregation via email and US mail. Please read this excerpt:

"We are planning to begin Sunday services again! On Sunday, July 26, at 9:00 AM, we will start services in the outdoor worship area. We chose the outdoors because studies have shown the Covid-19 virus spreads more indoors, and it is a large task to disinfect the inside of the church after gatherings. "

Updated Worship Schedule

Sunday	July 26 th	9 AM	outdoors
Sunday	August 2	9 AM	outdoors
Wednesday	August 5	7 PM	outdoors
Sunday	August 9	9 AM	outdoors
Sunday	August 16	9 AM	outdoors
Wednesday	August 19	7 PM	outdoors
Sunday	August 23	9 AM	outdoors
Sunday	August 30	9 AM	outdoors

In the event of rain, worship will be cancelled.

Please be prepared to wear a mask and bring a chair or blanket.



Week Three has been sent...but it is not too late to sign up for

VBS 2020 - Let's spread out the VBS fun and learning throughout the summer. Each Wednesday, for 5 weeks, (July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5), we will unveil one of our action-packed VBS days. All you need to do is click on the link that we email to you and your kids will see their ULC friends and learn the lesson, sing along with the music, and of course dance with **"Pharaoh Pharaoh"**!

Parents - be sure that your kids don't miss out. Why not send an email to office@ulclv.org and let us know what email address to send your child(ren)'s VBS fun.

Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, Neighbors – think of the kids in your life. We would be happy to send our VBS love to them as well....send us their name and email address to office@ulclv.org

Click this link for the Week One Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8g3st7pauM&t=18s>

Click this link for the Week Two Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53Y-YJhb1hE>

Click this link for the Week Three Video:

<https://youtu.be/K7zqwfaxnzw>

Lil Pantry – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Parkland Cares Pantry help to serve the food needs of our extended local communities. Since our building is currently closed, it is difficult to drop off food donations. Dianne Gillikin has volunteered her front porch as a drop off spot. Dianne and Carl live only a minute or two from the church at 5168 Stahley Dr. Schnecksville. Place your bags on their porch and Dianne will ensure that your donations get to the food banks.

Urgent needs are: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, crackers, rice, beans, syrup, pancake mix, and toilet paper, but all donations are appreciated and useful!

Clothing bins in our parking lot **are closed again**. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will let you know as soon as they are reopened by the collection company. These bins are scheduled to open sometime in August.

Keeping in our prayers:

Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Lynn Fermato, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Royal Olson, Barbara Spohn, Jeffrey Trapp, Taylor Moyer.

Barbara Spohn, hospitalized;

Lisa Williams, recovering from surgery following a broken leg;

Dennis Stangle, home from hospital recovering from COVID-19;

Marlyn Wall, Father of Dianne Gillikin;

James Ruth, brother of Dick Ruth, in hospital with pancreatic cancer;

Ed Razzis is home following a second hospitalization. He will be receiving cancer treatment.

We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.

We join all of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District in praying for the congregation of Trinity, Hecktown – The Rev. Jennifer Hall, Transitional.

Please contact Pastor Camp pastor@ulclv.org or the church office office@ulclv.org to share prayer concerns.



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