

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2020

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hermiston, Oregon

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Hymn #592 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near
In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven.

Your command is clear and plain,
And we would obey it duly:
"You must all be born again,
Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit,
And My kingdom thus inherit."

Therefore we have come to You,
In our arms this infant bearing.
Truly here Your grace we view;
May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever,
Yours on earth and Yours forever.

Gracious Head, Your member own;
Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
Way of Life, to heaven lead it;
Precious Vine, let nothing sever
From Your side this branch forever.

The Baptism of Berkeley Lynn Delahunt

Holy Scripture teaches that infants can have faith (for example, John the Baptist leapt with joy while still in his mother's womb - see Luke 1:39-45). Therefore, when candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the parents and/or sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, Who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidate:

P: How are you named?

R: Berkeley Lynn Delahunt

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P: Berkeley Lynn, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Berkeley according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P: Is it your intention to serve Berkeley as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C: Amen.

P: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

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.**

P: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C: Amen.

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P: Berkeley, do you renounce the devil?

R: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Berkeley, do you desire to be baptized?

R: Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P: Berkeley Lynn Delahunt, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P: Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ Who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

Elder: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him Who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Berkeley the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

Hymn #592 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.

Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded!

Write the name we now have given;

Write it in the book of heaven!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100

- ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
²Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
³Know that the LORD, He is God!
It is He Who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
⁵For the LORD is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:2-8

[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

recited by all

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.
On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare Your greatness.**

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:6-15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person —though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35 – 10:20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

¹⁶"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn #571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

△ Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Public domain

Sermon *"Pronouns are Important"*

Litany for Families

P: Friends, because of the reconciling work of Jesus Christ on the cross we are told that we are "no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household." Ephesians 2:19 NIV Let us pray for the families of the Holy Christian Church and for all families.

P: We pray for those who are joined together in a committed, faithful relationship of husband and wife. We honor them for the way they serve one another, build up the faith of the home, and affirm life as a precious gift from God.

**C: Father, keep their love for each other strong
and help it to shine as a single flame to all.**

P: We pray for those families who have adopted a child or have become foster parents. We also pray for those who care for a grandchild or an elderly or disabled relative. We are moved by the tenderness with which they welcome others into their home and the care they extend to others even when they are tired and overburdened.

**C: Christ, we ask that You give them strength to hold their faith in You
and to keep alive their joy.**

P: We pray for those households of adults whose children are grown and living on their own or away at school.

**C: Holy Spirit, help them to extend their loving care over the miles
and across all generations**

REFRAIN – sung to "Blest be the Tie That Binds"

**O Father, bless our homes,
We place them in Your hands;
O Spirit, bless our families;
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

P: We pray for those who are trying to blend two sets of children into one family. We look to them to give us a practical and personal example of peacemaking.

**C: Father, be with those who face the special challenge to accept differences
and to love unconditionally.**

P: We pray for those who live alone.

**C: Christ, may their door stand open to all who are in need
and bless them with the knowledge of Your constant presence.**

P: We pray for those who grieve at the death of a family member due to illness, accident, or the violence so prevalent in our society. We mourn as they bear such pain.

C: Holy Spirit, Giver of consolation and healing,
may those weighed down by grief find comfort in Your infinite goodness
and may they have the hope of the resurrection as an anchor for their souls.

**O Father, bless our homes,
We place them in Your hands;
O Spirit, bless our families;
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

P: We pray for those couples who struggle to conceive a child.

C: Father, we ask You to honor their determination to serve life.
Be with them in their need and grant them Your peace.

P: We pray for those households where one parent is engaged in raising children. Let us help carry the burden of these parents who are determined to create a good home, care for their children, hold a job, and much more.

C: Lord Jesus, nurture these parents.
Strengthen their love and guide them as they lead their children.

P: We pray for those households facing many challenges and obstacles . . .

We pray for spouses, children, grandparents, relatives, and friends affected by the toll of divorce on family life.

We pray for families burdened by the economic demands of providing housing, health care, child care, education, and care for sick or elderly members.

We pray for families facing unemployment or the fear of losing a job.

We pray for households struggling with abuse within the home, alcoholism, substance abuse, and crime and gang violence in our neighborhoods.

We pray for immigrant families seeking to make a fresh start in a new community.

C: Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, we rejoice in Your constant love for us and ask You to watch over all families, to bring healing, and to bring all to new life in Jesus.

**O Father, bless our homes,
We place them in Your hands;
O Spirit, bless our families;
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

P: O Holy Lord God, You have created us in love and saved us in mercy. Shower your blessings on Your household gathered here in Your name. Enable us to support one another and be devoted to prayer for one another. Make us responsive to the needs of others and witnesses to the faith in all we say and do.

The Prayers of the Church

Collects

P: Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus and Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Verse for June

Proverbs 18:10

**The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.**

Hymn #923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

△ Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Public domain

Acknowledgments: Responsive Prayer 2 AND the Rite of Holy Baptism from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.