

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Prayer

Leader: Maintain justice and do what is right.

People: Because God, our Savior, is coming soon.

Leader: Wisdom has prepared a feast for us.

People: Let us eat and drink of God's gracious gifts.

Leader: The Word of the Lord is like fire.

People: It is like a hammer that smashes a stone. Come! Let us call upon and worship God, together! Let us pray...

Pastor Jim: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Today we come before our divine parent not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin and find pardon for them.

People: Merciful God, you freely pardon all who truly turn from evil to you. We humbly confess our faults and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Free us for joyful obedience. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Pardon of Sin

Pastor Jim: Children of God, believe the good news: through our heartfelt and truthful confession, and by the wisdom and grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Jim: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it. We have returned the first and best of what God has given us, so that his will may be done, and his kingdom drawn nearer; therefore, let us pray, dedicating our gifts to these holy purposes.

Blessed are you, O God, for you are the maker and provider of all things. You have blessed us with many gifts, including all our possessions. Not one thing is ours to use as we see fit. All things are to be used to spread your Word and demonstrate our mercy to the world, so that the world may turn to you, and find its salvation. Use us and what we have gathered this morning to showing your love to the world. We ask this through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

Musical Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *(see below)*

Psalm 15 & Proverbs 3 (NIV)

Reflection

“Wisdom: The Art and Reward of Living Well”

Pastor Jim

Prayer of Intercession

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God in prayer.

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy, we offer this prayer.

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry.

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside fear, greed and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free from war and oppression.

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity.

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name.

Renew our nation in the ways of fairness and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based upon trust and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from crime and violence; guard our youth from the perils of drugs and materialism. Give all citizens a new vision of life in harmony.

Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise, and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world.

Look with compassion upon all who suffer. Support with your love those with incurable and stigmatized diseases, those in prison, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, those who are homeless or abandoned. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole, Give hope to the dying. Comfort those who mourn. Uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love, but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care.

We ask for all of this through Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us, and who taught us to pray, saying, "Our Father..."

Music

Sending and Benediction

Leader: My friends, thanks for coming and worshipping with us today. Now go in peace and serve the Lord.

Pastor Jim: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

August 16, 2020

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Proverbs 3:3-4 NIV

*³Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.*

*⁴Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.*

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JOYS & CONCERNS

Joy for...

The donations to the Student LIFE Shop.

The friendships that support us during difficult times.

Pray for...

Mike Hartle's cousin, Chris, recovering from triple bypass surgery.

Daren Lutson for relief from severe headaches.

Lisa Kopittke Hannah recovering from surgery. (*Contact Niki Price if you would like to provide food for the family.*)

Niki Price's sister, Marta, her family, and doctors. Marta is being treated for stage 4 small cell lung cancer which has metastasized to her brain (causing visual impairment) and lymph nodes and underwent emergency surgery recently.

All those still without work or under-employed due to COVID-19.

Success for the medical and scientific communities working on a COVID-19 vaccine.

All who are lonely and without support systems for help.

Our home bound - Norma Koerkel, Gene Strand, Sunni & Karl Kadon

Please keep in your hearts and prayers all the sick and shut-ins of LPC.

Please notify the LPC office of the progress and recovery of the individuals and loved ones named above. Names will appear for 2 weeks unless the office is otherwise notified.

Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

August 20th ~ Patricia Kaczanowski

August 22nd ~ Jennifer Goff

ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries

The church office remains closed through August and all committee meetings should continue to be held remotely. Please contact Pastor Jim on his cell phone or via email. You can reach Jenni on her cell phone or by the church email. Voice mail at the church will be picked up twice a week.

Psalm 15 (NIV)

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

² The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;

³ whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

⁴ who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the LORD;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

Proverbs 3 (NIV)

³ My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,

² for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.

³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.

⁸ This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;

¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,

¹² because the LORD disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.

¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,

¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.

¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.

¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.

¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be blessed.

¹⁹ By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations,
by understanding he set the heavens in place;

²⁰ by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,
and the clouds let drop the dew.

²¹ My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,
preserve sound judgment and discretion;

²² they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck.

²³ Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.

²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

²⁵ Have no fear of sudden disaster
or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,

²⁶ for the LORD will be at your side
and will keep your foot from being snared.

²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act.

²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor,
"Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"—
when you already have it with you.

²⁹ Do not plot harm against your neighbor,
who lives trustfully near you.

³⁰ Do not accuse anyone for no reason—
when they have done you no harm.

³¹ Do not envy the violent
or choose any of their ways.

³² For the LORD detests the perverse
but takes the upright into his confidence.

³³ The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked,
but he blesses the home of the righteous.

³⁴ He mocks proud mockers
but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.

³⁵ The wise inherit honor,
but fools get only shame.