

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Link to the Children's Circle: <https://youtu.be/tTBOwhvzww0>

Parents: please watch this with your children! Reinforce careful use of knives. Thank you.

Worship Service Link: <https://youtu.be/nGSV3qzN11M>

Indoor in-person worship – This will be a four-week trial of indoor worship, beginning September 20, in keeping with how the outdoor service had been conducted. During the four weeks of this experiment, outdoor Sunday School and the separate YouTube recording will continue. At the conclusion of this trial, Church Council will reconsider the issue.

Home Communion - Call the church office at 610-779-3480 to sign up for a Home Communion visit! And if you want to join us for Communion in person or via Zoom, our next Communion Sunday will be October 4th, at 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

Synod Assembly ON-LINE – We are in need of two lay delegates to attend the assembly on-line on October 16, 18, 23 and 24. If you are interested, please call the church office.

PERSONAL CARE DONATIONS

The Social Ministry Committee is coordinating the donation of personal care items to be distributed to Safe Berks and Hope Rescue Mission. A bin is located in the church office breezeway to hold these items. During these uncertain times, our generosity is needed more than ever. Please donate for men and women with products appropriate for all hair and skin types. Personal care items requested: soap, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, razor, shaving cream, deodorant, lip balm — due by September 30.

EXETER CARES website: www.exetercares.net to get help, or to give help (including donations).

REMEMBER—For everyone's health and safety, until further notice only employees of SLC should enter the church office unless an emergency situation exists. To deliver or pick up something from the church office, please contact Pastor Steve or Diane in advance so items can be put in the breezeway. Thank you for your understanding.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—When: 9:45 - 10:15 **Where:** On the front lawn of the church (Grades 5 and under) or pavilion (Jr. & Sr. High)

Who: child **WITH ADULT!** (for Grades 5 and younger)

Bring: mask, blanket (waterproof if possible) or chair

If you are not quite ready to meet in person, below are the links to our mystery reader. We should rename the mystery reading to "Mr. P Calms the Crowd."

Sunday's story and mystery reader are....

Story - **Jesus Calms the Storm**

Guest Reader - **Greg Pomian**

Video link -https://youtu.be/Z2a_hu4Az2k



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17TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

I = denotes **Indoor** service only R = denotes **Recorded** service only

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Revelation 3:20*

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

PRELUDE (R) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

(I) Music

Please stand.

OPENING

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us.**

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us, sinners.

SILENCE

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN (R) ELW #520 *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* v. 1-2

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

READINGS

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN (R) ELW #526 *God Is Here*
(I) Music

Please stand.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Offer to those present and those with you in spirit
a gesture of peace, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

OFFERING *A basket for your offering is available on entering or exiting.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN (R) ELW #520 *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* v. 3-4

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (R) *Ave Maria* F. Burgmüller
(I) Music

Ushers will dismiss by pews, back to front. Allow 6’ distance between people.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor

Ben D’Annibale, Music Director, Pianist, and Video Editor

Melissa Crotty and Heather Hafer, Singers **(R)**

Barry Hoover, Assisting Minister **(I)**

Prayers for those with immediate concerns

Susan Johns, Diane Dinkelocker, Patrick Pomian, Ron Owens, George Hughes,
Devon Messner, James Kohler, Sr., Arlene Friz, Vince Essig and Jon Dillon

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