

5th Sunday of



PENTECOST

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,

The God of manna,

The God of miracles,

The God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God our provider, help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life. And feed us for the life of the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

You are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: *Lamentations 3:22-33*

A reading from Lamentations.

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,

and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *Psalm 30*

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

⁹**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?**

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MARK 5:21-43

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many

physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” ³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alrwdlq5YZa1iiTBI-F1ZVaAH6hr>

(Click on the link above to view Pastor Jeff’s sermon (or you can find it on the website under the separate heading “Sermons”))

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labour eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick, especially Bea, Emma, Mary, Ardath, Doreen, Margaret, Lynnette, Glenn, Maria, Beryl, Cathy, Robb, Jack, John, Ralph, Katana, Ralph, Rose Marie, Nya, Muriel, Ron, Brian, and Kolby. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and all of the congregations of our community. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you (especially Elsie). Envelop them in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,**

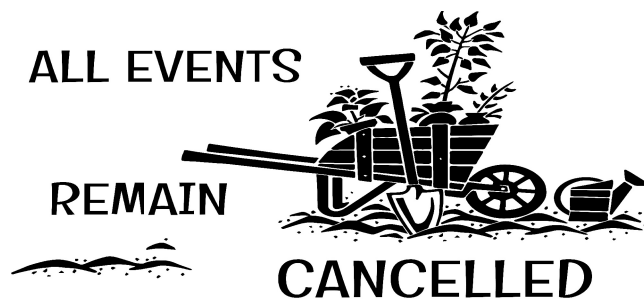
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

RE-OPENING OF WORSHIP

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 YOUR CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL HELD THEIR MEETING FOR JUNE.

IT WAS AGREED THAT “IN PERSON” WORSHIP WITH A “25 PERCENT CAPACITY” WILL RE-COMMENCE ON SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021 WITH OUR MORNING WORSHIP COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL WILL BE IN PLACE AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO CALL IN TO THE OFFICE AT 519-271-8527 MONDAY TO THURSDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. AND FRIDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. TO REGISTER AND BE PLACED ON THE ATTENDANCE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE OFFICE.

EMAIL ALERT

**OUR SYSTEM HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPROMISED!
IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM**

zionlc@golden.net OR zionstratford@outlook.com

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO CONFIRM THAT IT HAS
BEEN SENT BY JANE.**

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE!!

Thank You!



THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021

THE OFFICE WILL BE

CLOSED

FOR CANADA DAY!!

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY CANADA DAY EVERYONE!!

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER & SEMI-ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The July/August Newsletter will be mailed to ALL members on Monday, July 5, 2021. In order to save money on postage, your Contribution Statement covering January 1 to June 30, 2021 will be mailed with the Newsletter.

There will be NO emailed Newsletter until September, 2021.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We are currently in the planning stage of organizing Schedules for Readers, Greeters and Ushers for when we are able to re-open our doors for Worship; and, when we are able to do so at full capacity.

If you are able to help by volunteering to be a Reader, Greeter and/or Usher, please call and speak with Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We deeply appreciate ALL of our current volunteers and are excited to add you to this list of “**special**” people.



OUR PRAYER FOR TODAY IS FOCUSED ON OUR FAITH

Prayer for strong faith

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Oh blessed Lord,  
I want to praise, honor  
And glorify you.  
But my faith is weak.  
Help me please,  
Strengthen my faith.

Let me give myself up  
To you.

Teach me, oh Lord,  
How to love you more,  
How to love myself more,  
And how to love others  
Even when it hurts.

Let my faith grow strong  
In obedience to your teaching  
To love, serve and forgive.  
Reveal to my heart  
This most excellent way.

I can't do it alone.  
May your Spirit to work in me  
According to your will.  
For there I find meaning  
There I find feeding  
For my hungry soul.

I ask in Jesus name,  
Amen.

[prayerforanxiety.com](http://prayerforanxiety.com)