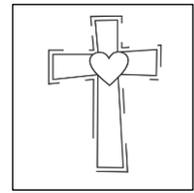


Perley Lutheran Parish
June 14th
Lectionary II



Welcome and Announcements

- Devotions happening on Wednesday evenings at 7pm – Where's Michele is going well – don't forget to send in your guesses on where she is at – perleyparish@gmail.com or 218-861-6541 or text/call Michele at 701-261-0998
mjenson001@luthersem.edu
- Continue to monitor the COVID crisis and watch for implementation of our Re-Opening Plan
- Continue to send in your offerings
- Keep in touch – if you need something please reach out
- Invite friends to watch!

Confession and Forgiveness:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin

Reconciling God,

We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness in life. Amen

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through +Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 100 (Read Responsively)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. **Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.** Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.** For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

First Reading Exodus 19: 2-8

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these

words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, **Glory to you O Lord**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children’s Message

- Kazoo or recorder

(Start the message by playing the instrument loudly and not very well).

Do you guys like my song?

No? You mean it’s not the best music that you have ever heard in your life?

Well it’s not the best music that I’ve ever heard either. I think the kazoo is sort of an obnoxious instrument to listen to. But even though you didn’t like my song very much, I know that God liked it and that is because I was playing that song on my kazoo to praise Him.

Do you think that God would rather listen to a beautifully written country western song about a dog and a car and a cowboy hat or a song that is out of tune but is sung by someone that is praising Him? (Allow answers).

Well God’s word says in our Psalm today to “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.” Did you notice that verse says to make a joyful “noise” to The Lord? We don’t have to have the most beautiful voice in the world to be able to praise Him and we don’t have to be the best musician to praise him either. God looks at our hearts and He wants us to praise him and be joyful when we do it.

Let’s pray:

Loving God, we come to you today and always with a thankful heart for all that you give to us. We raise our voices and make joyful noises in your name to praise you for your goodness and your care. In your loving name we pray. Amen.

Message:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I’ve decided to switch things up a bit this morning – instead of hearing a message on our Gospel in Matthew and Jesus sending out the disciples – I decided it was time to celebrate and

be thankful. Not necessarily something that we are thinking these days amongst all that is going on in our world – but I’m hoping that’s the point – that we can celebrate and rejoice all that God has given and does for us.

There are of course many way to say thank you – just a simple “thanks” when someone does something nice for you. Maybe it’s baking some treats for a neighbor or friend and dropping them off for taking in your mail while you were away for the weekend. They can be something really simple and they can be quite extravagant. You don’t need to go overboard if someone does something like holding the door for you but if someone does something extreme – perhaps a co-worker drives you to and from work for a few days while you’re car is in the shop, you may wish to write them a little note or buy them a gift card in thanks for them being so helpful and kind. Regardless of how big or how small it’s hard to know just how much is proper for your thanks. Think about God then – how would we ever begin to give God a proper and appropriate thank you?

When I think about being thankful to God and Church I have really found myself thinking that things have not only changed a lot over the years but they have really grown through that change. I remember as a child going to church with my family – we didn’t miss many services – and everyone walked in and found “their pew.” We didn’t stand around and visit in the gathering space (in fact I don’t even remember there being a space called a gathering space back then. People would come into the church and sit to prepare themselves for the service. All were quietly waiting in their pews listening to the organ playing and watching for the acolytes and pastor to appear at the front of the church. Back then – you didn’t hear visiting between the pews – in fact if you had it probably wouldn’t have been received very well. Church was pretty formal – there wasn’t clapping too often, and who would’ve ever thought that there would be drums, guitars and the rest of those contemporary items in the sanctuary?

Now I’m not saying there was anything wrong with services that way. In fact I’m sure many of you may long for the days when we did the old traditional services and the formality that they brought. I do however think that over the years – and the changes that have come along – worship has become a more thankful and perhaps a more intentional time of praise and rejoicing than ever before. This Psalm is one of my all-time favorites. I’ve told you before many times that the Psalms are my favorite book in the Bible and that comes from the fact that many of them seem to be like lyrics of a song. I want to sing them and that therefore draws me to them. Psalm 100 tells us – we are to thank God. And how are we to do that? To do it loudly, joyfully and continually – sounds good but let’s take a little deeper look at why this is so important for us.

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.”

God's not only asking us to praise but he wants hear it loudly. He can handle all that noise and we of course have plenty of things to be thankful for. We are his – that right there is something to be shouting from the roof tops in thanks. Verse three reminds us of that *Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;*^[a] *we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.* There isn't anything simple or plain about us – each and every one of us are a miracle created by God. Wow that's something to be thankful for. But wait a minute – even more amazing is the fact that he didn't think us up or create our uniqueness and then just move on and forget about us – not at all - he knows everyone of us by name. You and you and you are known by name. Our God continues to intimately care for each and everything he has created – just like that Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep that we talk about so often. So back to the differences between services years ago and services now a days. I absolutely love the fact that we all come to church to connect and be in community with each other. There's nothing more beautiful hearing than the buzz of all of you gathering and catching up with each other. Even when I have hard time reigning you in to start the service – even then I love that you are excited and engaged in being in fellowship. I also love that we can laugh and accept our mistakes as we worship together. Whether it's some of those crazy pronunciations in the readings that I give you to read or whether it's me losing my spot in my message or even a baby crying or a child talking too loud – all of that is part of being a family – this family of God and part of being together in worship.

It's fun and exciting to anticipate what is going to be learned and heard as we gather for worship. It's thrilling for me to have the children trying to hi-jack the children's message when I allow them to take control of the conversations. Their excitement and engagement is so exhilarating I think for all of us when you see God at work in their little hearts and minds. It is important to keep our thanks real and genuine. I'm not a huge fan of the Message – it's a newer more modern translation of the Bible – but I did find their translation of this Psalm interesting. It reads like this:

- ¹⁻² On your feet now—applaud GOD!
Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves into his presence.
- ³ Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD.
He made us; we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.
- ⁴ Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank him. Worship him.
- ⁵ For GOD is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love,
loyal always and ever.

God is good – he created this world for us and gave us all that we have. He surrounds with family – this church family as well – and he blesses us beyond measure. So let's not be

ungrateful for what we don't have but rather rejoice and be thankful for all that we do.

Bottom line – God loves us unconditionally. God's love is never ending.

“For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

His steadfast love endures forever – think about that. Even when we are sick or lonely, even when we turn our backs away from God, even when we are sinful, and even when we doubt Him – we have that guarantee. God's promise to love and forgive us. We can run away and try to do things our own way but the only way to truly live and receive a life everlasting is to embrace God and therefore be thankful for all that is ours because of Him.

Remember therefore, that God deserves our thanksgiving – loudly, joyfully and continually as we look forward to the day that we will be singing those praises and shouting with joy amongst the heavenly hosts. Best get those voices warmed up so we are ready, right? Amen.

Hymn of the Day: Gather Us In

Here in this place...new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreaming brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away.
Here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all Peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian/catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the people: (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**)

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**

Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring sun and dryness. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**

Holy One, we have created divisions you will not own. In places of conflict – be it from safe practices because of COVID or from racial disparity – raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who care for ALL! Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**

Holy One, you care for those who are lonely and homeless and helpless. Feed the hungry. Empower all whose voice go unread and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Heal those that are dealing with illness – like Alan and Jeff and Kirk and those that we now name in our hearts..... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**

Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of this congregation that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**

Receive these prayers, O God, and be with us now as we say the prayer that Jesus taught to us....

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.

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:

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, +Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen

Sending Hymn: Rise up, O saints of God!

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

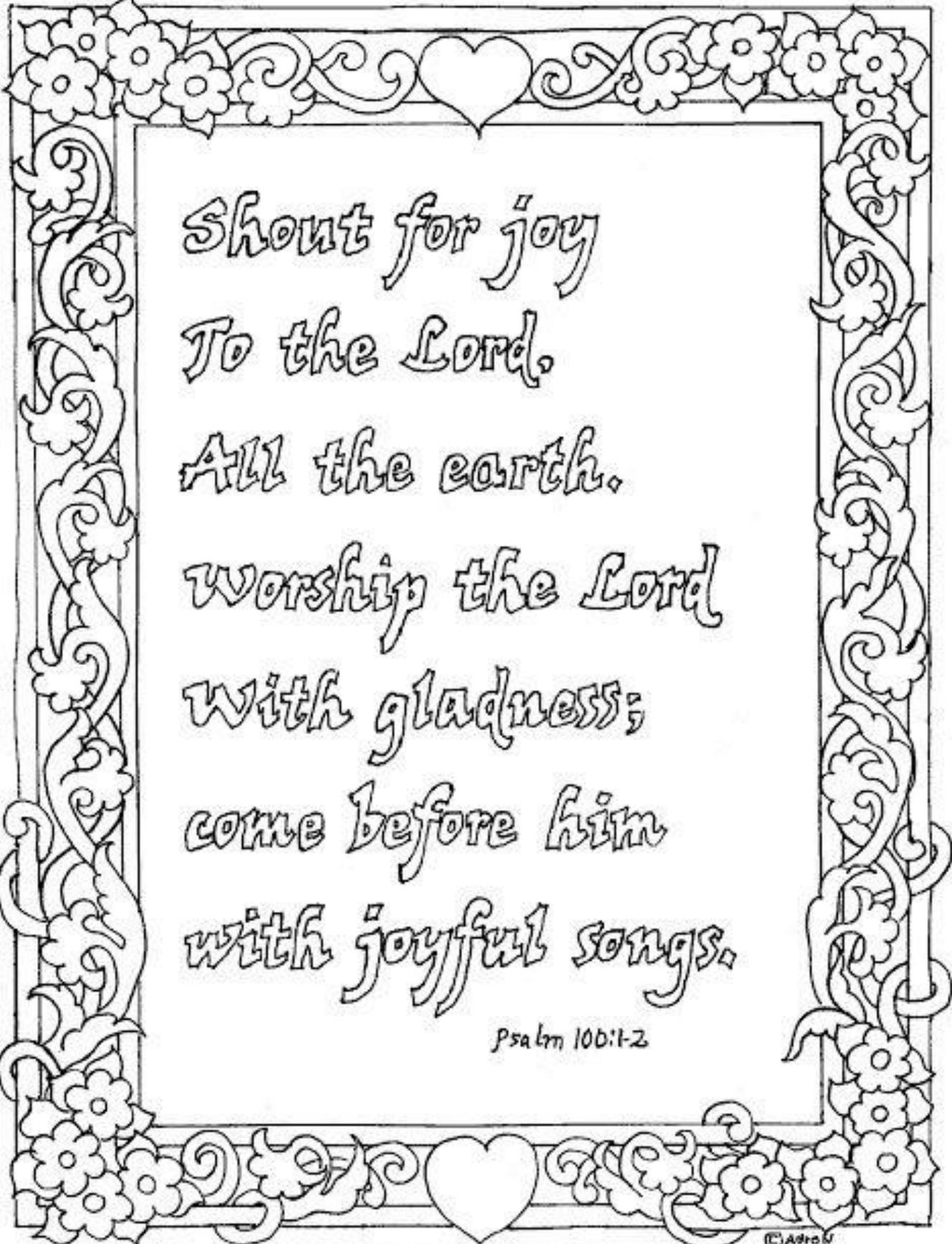
Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence; Give justice larger place.

Commit your hearts to seek. The paths which Christ has trod
And quickened by the Spirit's power, Rise up, O saints of God!

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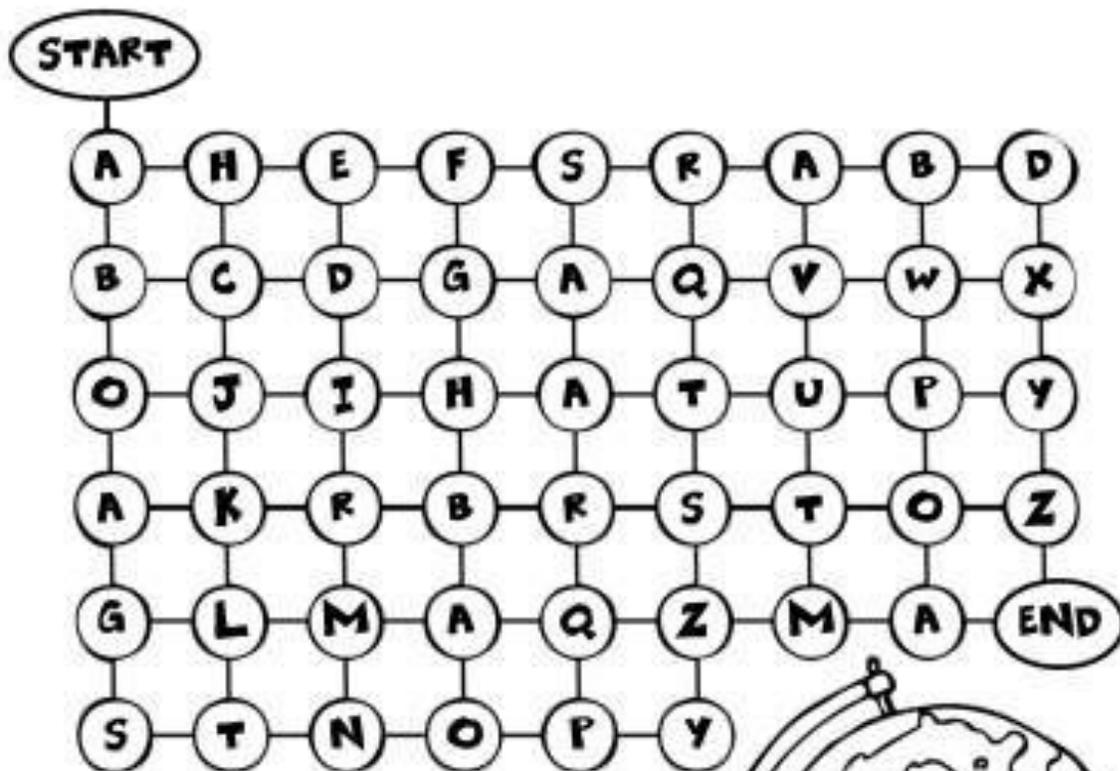
Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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Shout for joy
To the Lord,
All the earth.
Worship the Lord
with gladness;
come before him
with joyful songs.

Psalm 100:1-2



Go through the maze
by following the letters
of the alphabet.



*"Make a joyful noise unto
the Lord, all ye lands."*

PSALM 100

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presence	serve	sheep	singing
thanksgiving	truth		