

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary II A

June 14, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: Second Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. II A

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Church's mission with images drawn from daily life. The harvest is already plentiful, he says, but laborers are needed for work in the fields of daily life.

What are we to do? What the liturgy invites us to do: let our lives be shaped by the Good News, extend Christ's peace wherever we find ourselves, and share our bread with the hungry and those oppressed, offering the hospitality of God's grace, as Abraham and Sarah did. In our city, the laborers need to be working for God's justice and hope, empowered by the Spirit given at Pentecost.

Note on the lectionary this Pentecost season: As we did the past two years, we will use the semi-continuous lectionary option for our First Readings (which come from the Hebrew Scriptures) for the season of Pentecost. Year A in the semi-continuous cycle is the year of the story of God's people Israel. We'll spend the most time in Genesis, beginning with Abraham and Sarah in June, Jacob in July, and Joseph in August. On Aug. 21 we turn to the book of Exodus, and the story of Moses and the people's leaving Egypt and travelling to the promised land. At the very end, in November, we'll briefly hear of Joshua and Deborah, as the people of Israel settle in the Promised Land.

In the usual semi-continuous Second Readings for year A, we'll hear from Romans until September. September 20 we switch to Philippians, and in mid-October to I Thessalonians, which will bring us to the end of the Church Year, not counting All Saints or Christ the King.

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Centering and Gathering

*Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here;** it will continue through the Postlude.*

PRELUDE: Improvisation on KINGSFOLD and the text, "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

Recorded at Mount Olive by Cantor Cherwien on June 10, 2020.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 831, "The God of Abraham Praise"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday in Lent, year B, March 1, 2015.

Word

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Apostolic greeting is on the video)

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; reader – Eric Manuel, lector

18 ¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

21 ¹The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.

Recorded by Mount Olive Cantorei on June 10, 2020.

¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice, * and listened to my ¹supplication,

²for the LORD has given ¹ear to me * whenever ¹I called.

¹²How shall I re- ¹pay the LORD * for all the good things God has ¹done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup ¹of salvation * and call on the name ¹of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD * in the presence of ¹all God’s people.

¹⁵Precious in your ¹sight, O LORD, * is the death ¹of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I ¹am your servant; * I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice ¹of thanksgiving * and call upon the name ¹of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD * in the presence of ¹all God’s people,

¹⁹in the courts of ¹the LORD’s house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. ¹Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8; reader – assisting minister Paul Nixdorf

Paul writes: ¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, "Alleluia"

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

10 ¹ 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. ² 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; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

SERMON

Surely

Pr. Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection

HYMN: ELW 722, "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" (sung to the tune KINGSFOLD)

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, year B, February 8, 2015.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Paul Nixdorf, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. Please add **Lydia Wiechman**, Grace Wiechman's mother-in-law, to your prayers. Lydia died this past week. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) **Response: Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

Sending

LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

The Lord's Prayer is sung to the setting by Nikolay Kedrov, Sr., edited by D. Cherwien. Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

*The benediction is on the video. **Response: Amen***

HYMN: ELW 538, "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth," recorded by Mount Olive Cantorei, June 10, 2020.

DISMISSAL *Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:*

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Recorded at Mount Olive by Cantor Cherwien on June 10, 2020.



In Our Prayers

• *Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dan Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Julie Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Bill Hatten, Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; David & Ellen White, brother-in-law and sister of Allen Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Kinndlee Lund, pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley, CA, friend of Beth Gaede; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Mark, Lawanda, and Ramiyah Dean, friends of Matt McCuen & Katie Krueger; Martha & Dennis Johnson, sister and brother-in-law of Rhoda Nelson and aunt and uncle of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Becky Steinert, friend of Cynthia Prosek; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Lydia Wiechman, Levi Boswell, son, mother-in-law, and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephew, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapoja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*

• **At the death of:** Lydia Wiechman, mother-in-law of Grace Wiechman.

• **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

• **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.