**Sunday July 26, 2020**

**Announcements**

**Invocation**P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Song of Praise- Grace Like Rain & Grace Flows Down**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

L: Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we have gathered to worship. Let us prepare ourselves to praise with joyful and forgiven hearts by making our confession to God.

*time for self-examination*

L: O God, our heavenly Father,

**C: I confess to You that I have sinned against You in many ways; not only in ways that are seen, but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known to You. I repent, deeply sorry for my sins and desiring to change. I beg Father, in Your goodness, and for the sake of Jesus, your dear Son and my Lord, to forgive my sins and give me help to walk in Your ways. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit hear the words of life and hope that I speak to you by Christ’s authority, you are forgiven!

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen**

**Worship in Song- Open the Eyes of My Heart** & **Open Our Eyes, Lord**

**Confession of Faith  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.   
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings  
Matthew 13:44-52  
Acts 9:1-31**

**Sermon-** *Lynne Resch*

**Prayers of the Church**

**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; 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.

**Benediction  
As you go from here, may God flood your lives with a deep love for one another, and for all people.  
And may he keep your hearts strong, blameless and holy, as we together wait for the day when our Lord Jesus will appear again. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  Amen.**

*Based on 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

**Closing Song- Hope of the Nations**