

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine



June 14, 2020
10:30 AM

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Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ to see the livestream or access the video archive. **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Summit Emergency COVID-19 Relief Fund: We need your help! The Summit Interfaith Council has established the Summit Emergency Covid-19 Relief Fund for Undocumented Individuals and Families. Many tax-paying immigrants have lost jobs but are ineligible for federal emergency benefits. Funds raised will be given directly to families. Make checks payable to St. John's and on your memo line write: Summit COVID-19 Relief.

SIC Funeral Procession: The Summit Interfaith Council is holding a Memorial and Funeral Procession for Black People killed due to racism. Gather at Summit High School **TODAY** at **4:00 PM**. The entire event will be live-streamed over Facebook Live on [SIC FB](#) Page and participants will remain in their cars throughout.

Book Study: Join us to study *Grace Will Lead Us Home*. This is the story of how survivors and a community torn apart by racism and violence begin to heal. **Tuesdays, 5:00 PM, June 16, 23, 30.** Books are in the church office. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89281885352>

Honoring Graduates: We want to recognize all our 2020 graduates. If you, or your child, graduated this year, please send Pastor Blake: 1) a photo, 2) name of school graduated from, 3) plans for future/next year. Please email by **June 19**.

Just Mercy: This powerful, true story of racism and redemption is available for free [here](#).

Plastic Bag Collection: Due to the pandemic, we are no longer collecting plastic bags.

Need Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee or Tea? Contact [Jane Bowman](#) to make arrangements.

Old Smartphones: We can use old smartphones that can still record or view videos that you would be willing to lend or donate to the church. Call the church office to arrange a drop-off.

Hinman Scholarship: We have funds available to support our college students. Access the application [here](#). Applications must be submitted by **August 1** to Linda.Mesenbrink@verizon.net.

Zoom Children's Time is each **Sunday** at **9:30 AM**. Join: <https://zoom.us/j/374109491>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at **7:00 PM** on both our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at **10:30 AM**. Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/97268221619>.

Prayer Before Worship

God of all power and peace, as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons, gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm, make us ready to go and share the good news we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Setting of *Balm in Gilead*

By Ronald A. Nelson (1927–2014)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As church, we confess the sin of racism and condemn racist rhetoric and the ideology of white supremacy. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

As church, we confess, repent, and repudiate the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

Racism is deeply ingrained within the ELCA, a predominantly white church. It is deeply embedded within individual congregations whose members do not understand the wounds that white supremacy inflicts on us all, especially people of color. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

As church, we declare that the enslavement of black bodies and the removal of indigenous peoples established racism in the United States, a truth this nation and this church have yet to fully embrace. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

Rooted in slavery, racism is manifested throughout the history of our country. Through Jim Crow policies, racial segregation, the terror of lynchings, killings by law enforcement, and the unequal incarceration of people of color, racism is against God's holy will. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

As church we lament the discriminatory treatment of clergy of color: racial segregation; divestment from Black congregations and communities, and a failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles from communities of color. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

Confessions are empty promises without meaningful actions—actions that are grounded in prayer, education, and soul-searching repentance. The sin of racism separates us from one another. As we repent, let us not turn back to ideologies that promote white supremacy. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

We trust that we are reconciled to God through Christ's death and resurrection. We seek such life-giving reconciliation with one another, trusting that God can make all things new. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 650 In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

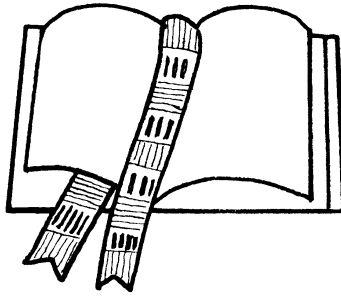
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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.**



Word

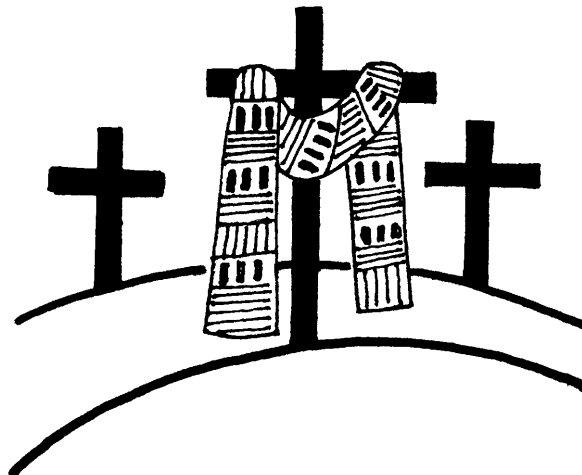
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING Romans 5:1–8

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.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 174 Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL Matthew 9:35–10:8

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵Jesus 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. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore 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. ²These 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; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

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

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 614 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

We join with Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in remembering those nine saints who were slain—the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney, the Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, the Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, the Rev. Myra Singleton Quarles Thompson, Tywanza Kibwe, Diop Sanders, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Susie Jackson, and Ethel Lee Lance—and those who survived. **We remember.**

Gracious God, in remembering their lives and witness, we are called to a wider understanding of the Spirit's work in the world.

They were preachers: **Open us to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.**

They were students: **Kindle in us a desire to learn and grow in your ways.**

They were teachers: **Instill in us a passion to share the wisdom of Christ.**

They were coaches: **Accompany us as we strive to run the race set before us.**

They were mentors: **Inspire us through the wise counsel offered by others.**

They were leaders: **Embolden us to seek out the best in others.**

They were musicians: **Attune us to the sounds of your creation.**

They were poets: **Reveal your truth in language we have yet to discover.**

They were barbers: **Shape us as attentive caregivers to those around us.**

They were custodians: **Protect those whose work ensures our safety.**

They were bus drivers: **Carry us as companions in life's unexpected journeys.**

They were veterans: **Remember those who risk harm for the sake of others.**

They were librarians: **Write on our hearts and minds the wisdom of the generations.**

They were advocates: **Call us to speak and act on behalf of those who are silenced.**

They were public servants: **Show us how to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

They were legislators: **Inscribe your laws of love and justice on our hearts.**

In lives of faithful dedication, these your servants we remember today lived by your promises. May we not forget their lives, taken too soon. In the years to come, let us share the names and witness of these holy martyrs, so that the world comes to know of your spirit at work in and through them. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer. *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERTORY 686 We Give Thee but Thine Own

verses 1 & 4

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the last two lines. The lyrics are: '1. We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all 4. And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be: what-that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.'

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, we long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, by the presentation of these gifts and the offering of our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us bless the Lord.

Praise and thanks to God.

Sending
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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 favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 721 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931
Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949
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DISMISSAL

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

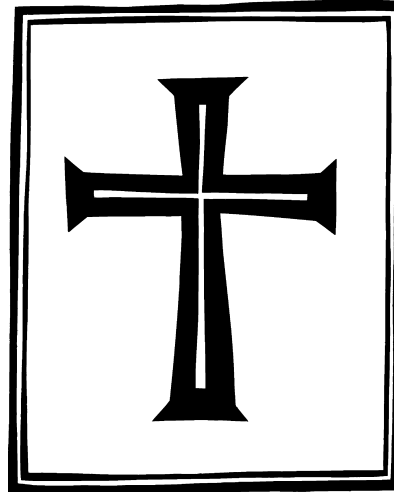
POSTLUDE Setting of *Goodness Is Stronger*

By Ronald A. Nelson

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

Social Ministry Highlight:

The Junior League of Summit's GRACE program has been working overtime to serve local families during the pandemic. GRACE (Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials) typically provides food, personal care products and household supplies to 100 shoppers a week, but that has increased to 500 a week. Instead of one bag per household, GRACE is now giving three bags. To help this vital organization, click [here](#).



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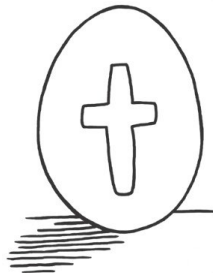
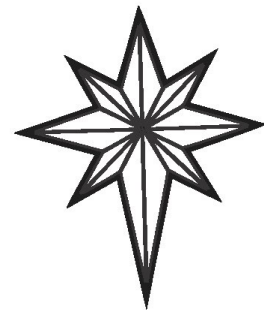
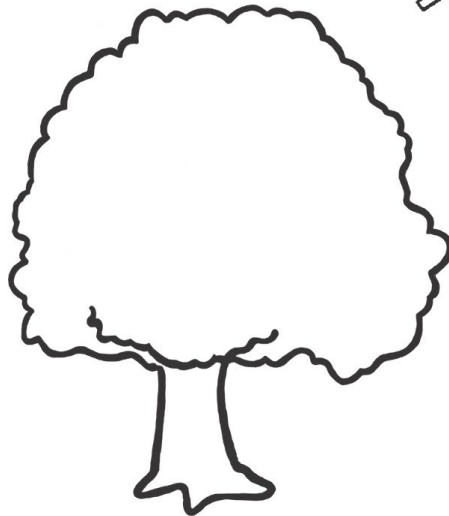
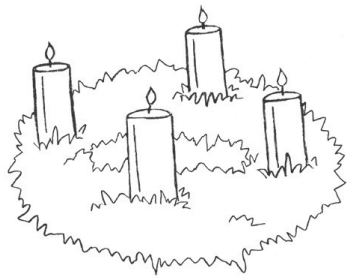


PRE-READER

Pentecost 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost is the church year season **after Easter**.
- Pentecost is the church year season that lasts about **half the year**.

Color each symbol from the church year seasons.





Now they were disciples! Now they would follow Jesus!



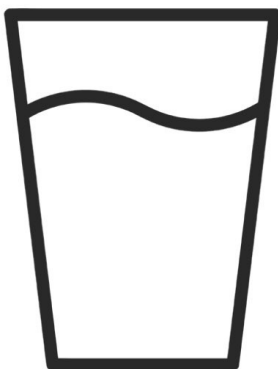
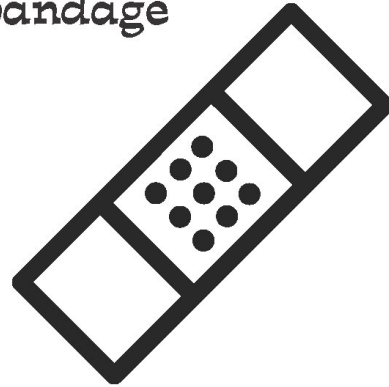
Jesus gave his twelve disciples the power to heal diseases and help people who were sick. Jesus' followers can help with healing too!

What can you do to help someone who needs healing?

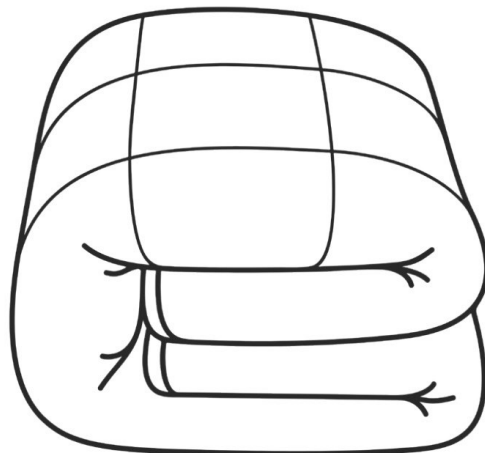


**Ask if the person
wants their
stuffed animal**

**Share a clean
bandage**



**Offer a
glass of
water**



Get a blanket

Jesus told his disciples to greet people when they enter someone's home. What do you say when you walk into your church?

Circle the greeting you like to use.

Hello

Welcome

I am glad
to see you

Good morning,
friend



READER

Pentecost 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Last week the color was **white**. The week before that, the color was **red**. For the season after Pentecost, the color is **green**.
- The **Day of Pentecost** begins this season. The Sunday called **Christ the King** is the final Sunday in this season.

Season Match-Up

Each season of the church year has a specific name and color. See if you can match up the season names, symbols, and colors.

Advent



White

Christmas



White

Epiphany



**Dark blue
or purple**

Lent



Purple

Easter



Green

**Season after
Pentecost**



Green

12 on the Go

The followers of Jesus traveled to many places without any money or extra belongings. If you had to pack for a trip with very few things, could you pack only twelve things? Six things? Three things?

If I could pack twelve things		
1.	5.	9.
2.	6.	10.
3.	7.	11.
4.	8.	12.

If I could pack six things
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

If I could pack three things
1.
2.
3.



Bible Tip!

The twelve disciples of Jesus are named in Matthew 10:2-4. They are also named in the gospels of Mark 3:16-19 and Luke 6:14-16. Even more followers of Jesus are named in Luke 8:1-3.

Who are they?

Naming the Followers

This is a list of names from the Bible. Can you recognize the names of the twelve disciples of Jesus? Circle the ones who were his first followers.



Andrew

Isaiah

Paul

Bartholomew

James

Peter

Claudius

James

Philip

Cyrus

John

Simon

David

Judas Iscariot

Thomas

Eli

Lazarus

Thaddaeus

Ham

Matthew

Zebedee

The Great Greeter Investigation

Jesus told his disciples, "As you enter the house, greet it." Who greets you when you enter your church? What do they say? Do they wear a special name tag? Do they shake people's hands or greet in another way? Do some investigating about today's greeters at worship.

