MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH of AFTON

June 14th 2020

Prelude

Mother Earth

Welcome

Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus 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. Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives, we deny your presence in the faces of those we encounter. 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; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of 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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Shelter Me

Prayer

Let us pray...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.

Scripture 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

Sermon

Hymn of the Day We All Are One in Mission ELW #576

Prayers of God's People

God of Love, receive our prayers.

Offertory We Are an Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray...God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Connection, forgiveness, Word, neighbor: these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Prayer Away from the Table

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.**

Dismissal

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

Closing Hymn For By Grace You Have Been Saved

ELW #598

Postlude Ashoken Farewell