

September 6, 2020

*The Fourteenth
Sunday
After Pentecost*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Deaconess:

Karen Suter

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

Minuet

G. F. Handel, arr. L. Smith

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

setting: P. Bouman

(Fri. Service)

Trumpet, Susan Messersmith

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 92:1-2

- P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
- C** to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- P** to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
- C** and Your faithfulness by night.

P The Most High God gathers us to praise His name and declare His love together!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Lord God, You promise grace and every blessing to all who come before You and repent of their sins. Hear us now as we, Your humble children, bring our prayers before You.

In silent prayer, we confess our sins to the Lord, seeking His cleansing forgiveness.

P Most merciful Father,

G **we come before You and admit our sinfulness. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have failed to do what Your Word demands. We have not honored You fully with our lives, nor have we loved one another as You have first loved us. In the name of our loving Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Because our Savior humbled Himself for our sake upon the cross, enable us in true humility to receive the remission You promise to Your repentant children. Amen.**

P “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” God the Father has taken your sins and laid them upon our humble Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Christ’s sacrifice, God does not count your sins against you. He has taken them away! He remembers them no more! He preserves and delivers you as His child forever! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

P How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

C It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,

C to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

P For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN

"Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"

LSB 946



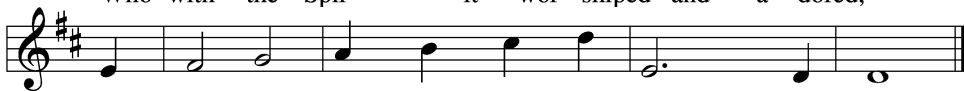
1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You.

G **Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation.**

P We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7–9

The Word is read...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 1

A Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

G **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

A For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

G **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

A I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

G **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.**

A You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1–10

The Word is read...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Matthew 5:3

P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"

LSB 820



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me
2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and
3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his
4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren

bless His name Who makes you full partaker Of
 righteous-ness, His love beyond all measure, His
 children here, God in His arms will gather All
 yet shall prove That God forsakes them never Who
 mercies more than you dare claim. Forget Him not whose
 yearning pity o'er distress; Nor treats us as we
 who are His in child-like fear. He knows how frail our
 in true fear shall seek His love. In heaven is fixed His
 meekness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your every
 merit But sets His anger by. The poor and contrite
 powers, Who but from dust are made. We flourish like the
 dwelling, His rule is over all; O hosts with might ex-
 weak-ness, Renew your life within; Whose grace and
 spirit Finds His compassion nigh; And high as
 flowers, And even so we fade; The wind but
 cello, With praise before Him fall. Praise Him for-
 care are endless And saved you through the past; Who
 heaven above us, As dawn from close of day, So
 through them passes, And all their bloom is over. We
 ever reign-ing, All you who hear His Word— Our
 leaves no sufferer friendless But rights the wronged at last.
 far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.
 with-er like the grass-ess; Our place knows us no more.
 life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

SERMON

Stand

NICENE CREED, *As printed on the forwards screens*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For all the children of God, the Holy Christian Church, that we proclaim the salvation of Christ wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Father, we depend on You as we share the Good News.**
- A** For the living out of our vocations, that no matter our station in life or what calling we have been given, that we faithfully represent our Savior with lives of humility and faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Father, we depend on You as we serve You with our lives.**
- P** For all children, that they grow daily in the wisdom of the Lord, and for all parents and those who work to care for children, that they be guided in their important service of love, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Father, we depend on You as we live as Your children.**
- A** For all public servants who selflessly serve others, both those who serve locally and those in positions throughout the world, that they would entrust their lives into the protecting care of their Maker, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Father, we depend on You for Your protection.**
- P** For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they with patience and faith receive the healing care You offer, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Father, we depend on You for Your healing touch.**
- A** For these concerns and for every unspoken prayer that is on our hearts and minds, that our gracious God would hear and answer us, let us pray to the Lord,
- G Father, we depend on You for everything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Sit

MISSION MINUTE

Hurricane Laura

Pastor Willsea

Stand

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. As Your dependent children, we have nothing to offer to make ourselves right with You. Yet, in the cleansing blood of Jesus, we receive Your mercy and forgiveness, full and free. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and lead us by Your Holy Spirit. Give us humility and faith to receive the remission of our sins freely offered to us in His body and blood. With dependence upon You and gratitude in our hearts, we praise You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

G **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER, *As printed on the forwards screen*

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

G 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

VOLUNTARY

"Bread of Heaven"

M. Jordan

Stand

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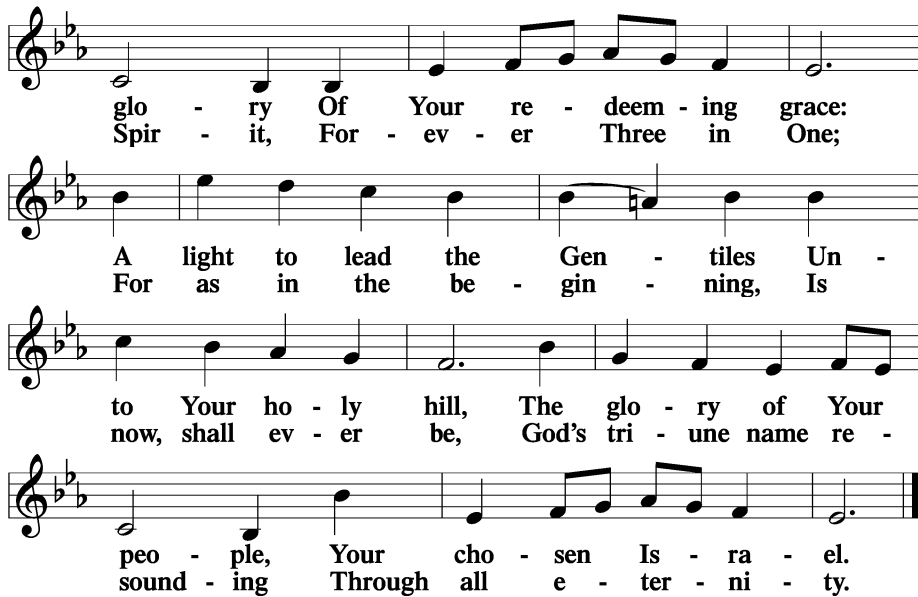
LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST -COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, we thank You for the forgiveness and renewal of life You have given us in the precious body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Because we depend on You for everything, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be sent forth to declare the wonders of our Savior to the world He died to save; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

C and Your faithfulness by night.

P The Most High God now sends us out to praise His name and declare His love wherever we go!

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

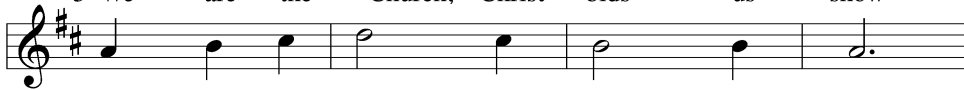
HYMN

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

LSB 920



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;
 This world of time to se - crate,
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim
 That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,
 This world of sin by grace to heal,
 Christ's truth in love that we may be
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
 True peace, true love to all man - kind.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

(Fri. Service)

"Rise Up and Serve the Lord"
Trumpet, Susan Messersmith

arr. P.L. Harris

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea

Deaconess: Karen Suter

Organist: Patty Barnes

Trumpet: Susan Messersmith

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