

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

9:30 am

Gathering

Welcome to Worship! I'm glad you're here and the Bible tells me that God is glad that you are here.

Announcements

1. We're recording! Let me know if you're not ok with your face on YouTube. We post the worship later in the day.
2. Installation picnic is on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 4pm. Outdoor worship for installation is at 5:30pm. Be there! Invite friends!
3. Coming Soon... Zoom Choir! Starting Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7:30pm, we will gather each Wednesday over Zoom for music, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!
4. You should be getting e-mails. Let Pastor Jess know if you're not. Make sure you are subscribed to the LCMM YouTube channel, Miss Ann's Lambs Kid's Time channel, and that you like and follow our Facebook page. The more you like/comment/and share these things, the most people will come to know Jesus through LCMM.

Centering and Quieting Time

Let's take a deep breath and move ourselves into a worshipful space while we listen to the prelude.

Prelude

Instrumental Music

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

We pass judgment on one another

before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (ELW #772)

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| 1 | Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will! | 3 | Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep. |
| 2 | Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear. | 4 | Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God. |

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O Lord God,

C: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 119:33-44

A: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

A: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

for that is my desire.

**C: Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

A: Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**C: Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

A: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**C: Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-13

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Music: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW #172)

Halle, halle, halle-lujah,
Halle, halle, halle-lujah,
Halle, halle, halle-lujah,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Build Us Up, Lord (ELW #670)

- 1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 set in us a strong foundation.
 Lead us to do your holy will;
 form and shape your new creation.
 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 as we guide and teach each other,
 help us to share your love with the world:
 ev'ry sibling, ev'ry person. *Refrain*

Refrain

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!

- 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 let our lives reflect your glory.
 Cast away all our doubts and fears;
 help us tell the world your story.
 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
 help us bear good fruit for you,
 Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
 Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

Prayers

A: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*)

A: Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community (*especially*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Moment of Generosity

You can use this time to click on the online giving link in the chat, or to write a check and prepare an envelope to mail to the church. The council is accepting applications from our mutual aid fund. We are also collecting for live streaming equipment for when we gather again in person, and online tools for connecting now. You can use the other box in the online giving form, or the memo line of your check to write "Mutual Aid Fund" or "Tech Special Offering".

[If you have a story of generosity to share next week, let Pastor know.]

Music: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (ELW #836)

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,

flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,

ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,

all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

Music: Rise Up, Oh Saints of God (ELW #669)

1 Rise up, O saints of God!
 From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
 with nobler zeal might burn.

3 Rise up, O saints of God!
 The kingdom's task embrace;
 redress sin's cruel consequence;
 give justice larger place.

2 Speak out, O saints of God!
 Despair engulfs earth's frame;
 as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
 the word of hope proclaim.

4 Give heed, O saints of God!
 Creation cries in pain;
 stretch forth your hand of healing now,
 with love the weak sustain

5 Commit your hearts to seek
 the paths which Christ has trod;
 and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
 rise up, O saints of God!

Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Coffee Hour

We will be together in a large group.

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