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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost    †    September 3, 2023

P - Pastor    ♦    C - Congregation    ♦    A - Assisting Minister

**LBW**-Lutheran Book of Worship-Green    ♦    **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

**ELW**-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red

**\* Please stand as you are able**

**PRELUDE**    *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* arr. Mark Hayes

### **WELCOME AND GRATITUDE STORIES**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* by John Carter    -Choir

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P    Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C    Amen.**

P    Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.  
Steadfast and faithful God,

**C    you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P    Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**C    Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW # 879** - Red    *For the Beauty of the Earth*

### **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.**

### **KYRIE**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn

back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 26:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.**  
<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.  
<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**  
<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.  
<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,  
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**  
<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup>**Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought

for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  *(please stand as you are able)*

**I love to tell the story: 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**\* GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

<sup>22</sup>And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for

you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>"For the Son-of-Man is to come with his angels

in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.  
<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they

see the Son-of-Man coming in his dominion.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 798** - Red *Will You Come and Follow Me*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

\* **NICENE CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**PRAYERS** *(you may be seated)*

**A** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Life 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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 515** - Red *Break Now the Bread of Life*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *As We Break the Bread* by Jay Althouse -Choir

**\* BLESSING** *(please stand as you are able)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **SENDING HYMN**    *God's Work, Our Hands*

God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt-ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav-ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least. Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise! Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.

### **POSTLUDE**    *Fantasia on Dix (For the Beauty of the Earth)* by Lani Smith

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### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maxine Eickhoff.

**This week please hold in prayer:** Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul Long, Ed & Betty Panning, Garrick Walker, Ronald Hoops brother of Mary Lou Streicher, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Terry Lacy, Matt Von Seggern, Dezarea Harshman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

**Thursday Bible Study:** Please join us weekly on Thursday at 9:30am in the adult Sunday school room.

**Summer Coffee Hour**

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, Soul Food. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

**Year of Gratitude:** This week we give thanks for Altar Guild. It takes a lot of hands to make worship work, and altar guild is the behind the scenes dream team! They make sure the candles are big enough, paraments are changed with the seasons, communion is ready on Thursdays and Sundays, and the altar pieces look nice. Some seasons are pretty easy and other seasons the colors change weekly. Regardless of if it is a hectic season or a calm season Altar Guild is always there making sure we have what we need for worship. Thank you altar guild!

**Caring Corner for September** - We are collecting size 5 diapers and all sizes of pull-ups to be distributed at "Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives" in recognition of Diaper Need Awareness Week. September 19-24.

**Save the Date: Rally Day on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

The 2023-2024 Sunday School Year will kick off Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! Sunday School students will be ringing bells during the 9am service and our service learning camp youth will be sharing stories from their summer adventure. Ice cream, bounce houses and FUN with our church family will following as we celebrate another year of learning about God's love. All ages are invited to participate and don't forget to invite a friend!

**Dartball beginning on September 19.** Schedules are on the bulletin board across from the office.

**Flower Chart**

The new flower chart for 2024 is hanging in the narthex. Pick your special day and sign up early!

**Chairs Available**

Some of our old metal folding chairs are available for you to take for a free will donation to Emanuel.

**This Week**

Monday, September 4		Offices Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 5	1:30pm	P.E.R.I.
Wednesday, September 6	12:30pm	Sewing
	4-5pm	<b>NO</b> Open Office Hours
	5pm	Puzzles & People
	6pm	Soul Food Café
	7pm	Brass Ensemble
Thursday, September 7	9:30am	Choir
	5:30pm	Bible Study
	7pm	Zoom Bible Study
Sunday, September 10	9am	Worship
	10am	Worship in person or online
		Bounce Houses, ice cream and fun for kids of all ages!

**Second & Fifth Grade Bibles Presentation: Sunday, September 10th**

During our worship service on Sunday, September 10th, our second and fifth grade Sunday School students will be presented their Bibles. The second graders will receive a Spark Bible and the fifth graders will receive a Lutheran Study Bible. Both of these are meant for the students to grow into over the next few years!