

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 6, 2020**  
**9:00am**



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**The psalmist declares that “the LORD takes pleasure in his people” (Psalm 149:4, ESV). As we gather before the God who delights in us, may we also delight in God. Welcome.**



## **Gathering**

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING SOLOIST SERENA LODES**

### **PASTORAL 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 BASED ON PSALM 119**

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

**C: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.**

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

**C: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.**

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

**C: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O Lord God, 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.

**C: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

L: The First Lesson is from Ezekiel the 33<sup>rd</sup> chapter, beginning at the 7<sup>th</sup> verse:

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them;

how then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

L: The Second Lesson is from Romans the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse:

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>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; <sup>12</sup>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; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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 – SOLOIST BY SERENA LODES**

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**A:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C: 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community. 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. 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.**

**P:** 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..... Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Lord God, watch over and care for all persons who serve in the military. Today we especially remember..... 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.**
- P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.**
- P: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.  
The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace (bow to one another or use the peace sign. Please no handshakes or hugs and stay in your area, thank you) using these or similar words – *God's peace be with you.*

## **OFFERING**

**Gathering of Offerings**  
**Offertory**  
**Presentation of our Gifts**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A: Let us pray.....God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
- C: Amen**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- 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 our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P:** With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**



P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

P: We welcome you to the Lord's Table to share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. Holy Communion is served with individual grape juice and a wafer.

## **COMMUNION**

**C:** O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## ***PIANO MUSIC***

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**A:** Let us pray..... We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** 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.

**C:** Amen

## **SENDING SOLOIST BY SERENA LODES**

## **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

# CHURCH NOTES & NEWS

Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Childcare is now open, so we ask that church members still not be entering the church unless completely necessary. Each person is required to wear a mask and have a health screening at the time of entering the building. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 541-926-4875

Come join us for an Outdoor Worship Service on Sundays at 9:00am in the front yard of the church. Please bring your own lawn chair and masks are required!

Each week we will have a different soloist, if you interested in singing please contact Serena Lodes. Each week we will also need an Assistant Minister to assist pastor and read the lessons (NO singing required). If you are interested, please contact Nancy Whitley

## Sunday, September 6th @ 9am

-Soloist: Serena Lodes  
-Assistant: Dave Faller

## Sunday, September 13th @ 9am

Soloist: Dick Running & Betty Dysle  
Assistant: Pat McConnel-LeRoy

## Sunday, September 20th @ 9am

-Soloist: Kris Eskridge  
-Assistant: **OPEN**

## Sunday, September 27th @ 9am

Soloist: Dave VanDepas  
Assistant **OPEN**

## **Church Envelopes**

It's that time again – we're needing to make our order for next year's church envelopes and would like your input. In the previous years, every church member/family was given a box of envelopes. Realizing that giving to the church is done in many ways, not everyone needs or wants the envelopes. If you do not want a box of envelopes for 2021, please let Mary know ASAP.

Other options are using Tithe.ly through Good Shepherd's website, automatic withdrawals from your bank account or auto withdrawals from Thrivent/Vanco.

**If you DO NOT want envelopes for 2021 please let Mary Hibbs know by August 31<sup>st</sup>!!!!**  
**Contact Mary Hibbs Cell #541-990-8339 or [hibbs0033@comcast.net](mailto:hibbs0033@comcast.net)**

**\*\*Are you interested in bringing flowers on Sundays?  
Please sign up at the check-in table\*\***

## **Restoring Right Relationships**

In today's gospel reading, Jesus turns his attention to the community of believers. Matthew is the only gospel in which Jesus explicitly speaks about the church and therefore addresses some concerns of communal living. This week, Matthew provides a framework for responding to sin and conflict for the sake of restoration within a community.

It is inevitable that in a relationship, a time comes when someone lets you down. They may disappoint you, fail to meet your expectations, hurt your feelings, disagree with you, misspeak, or break your trust. This happens in all relationships and in all places—the church is no exception. Although these actions can be unintentional, occasionally relationships are scarred by purposeful acts of betrayal, abuse, deception, and malice. In all cases, Jesus' way acknowledges the reality of broken people and relationships, and recommends a path forward.

It is common to seek revenge or try to get even with those who have hurt us. We expect them to be punished for the wrong they have done. What Jesus proposes here is a system not of retributive justice but of restorative justice. Instead of demanding vengeance, we can engage the other person in order to heal and repair the relationship and community. We are to try multiple times, involving the community as needed, to make amends. We are not to give up on the ones who do harm, but to offer opportunities for dialogue and healing.

Jesus does not abandon sinners or the church filled with conflicted believers. He comes among them as they listen to each other and works to restore their relationships. We practice the work of restoration every week by sharing a sign of peace with one another. In each exchange of peace, Jesus comes among us to offer grace and forgiveness.