

Pentecost 14, September 6, 2020

**Greeting** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship** (8 verses with 5 different words for God's guidance)

Psalm 119:33-40 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your **statutes**, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your **law** and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your **commandments**, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your **decrees**, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your **ordinances** are good. See, I have longed for your **precepts**; in your righteousness preserve my life. Amen.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, all hearts and desires are known to you, and we have no secrets before you. Turn us from our sin through the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may be attentive to your word and your promise, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: With masked voices, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another:

**C: Faithful God, 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 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 now in freedom to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** *Oh, that the Lord Would Guide* (public domain) LBW 480, ELW 772

*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!*

*Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way, restore your wandering sheep.*

*Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.*

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### **The Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. For all these things we pray: Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**      ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** (public domain) LBW 543, ELW 869

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!*

**Prayer of the Day:** 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, thorough Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Holy Baptism of Theo and Josie Huss**

**A reading from Ezekiel, the 33<sup>rd</sup> chapter (33:7-11)** Word of God, word of life!

**A reading from Romans, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter (13:8-14)** Word of God, word of life!

**Alleluia**      ***Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!***

**A reading from the Gospel of Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter (18:15-20)**

**Sermon** (page 4)

**Hymn of the Day**      ***O God of Mercy, God of Light*** (public domain)      LBW 425, ELW 714

*O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.*

*You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call;  
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.*

*For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
Grant us the will, and grace provide to love them all in you.*

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**The Apostle's Creed** God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**Sharing God's Peace** (in any appropriate way)

**Service of Holy Communion** (at St. John, first and third week of the month)

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn**

***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

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

*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!*

**Dismissal** With joy and thanksgiving, go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Note: An offering plate is at the end of the aisle if you wish to leave a gift. All donations are welcome!**

**If you wish to chat with family or friends after worship, please do so outside. Thanks!**