

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00

August 29, 2021

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“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”

INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God’s law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us “the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life” (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Prelude

Gary Ritter

Welcome – Announcements

Stand – if standing is difficult please feel free to remain seated

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
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. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sit

“Change My Heart”

(sung twice) Number 801

Refrain

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

Greeting

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

Kyrie

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A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



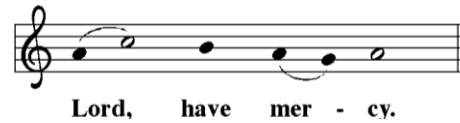
A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



A: 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.



A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



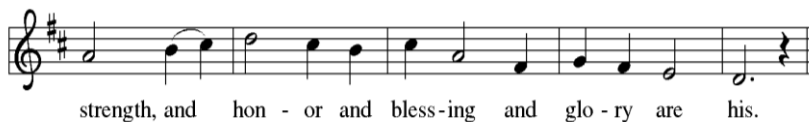
A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

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A: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

Prayer of the Day

P: O God our strength,

C: ***without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Bible Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

Psalm 15

L: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: ***Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;***

L: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: ***In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.***

L: They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

C: ***They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.***

Bible Reading

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to

save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them,

“Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Children’s Message

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
v. 1,3-4 Number 834

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight. All laud we would render; oh, help us to see ‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Apostles’ Creed

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C: ***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 to the dead. 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

A: Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. We pray for our firefighters and first responders working hard to save homes and woodlands. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for individuals in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. We pray for medical personnel, that your love would hold close those who are exhausted and challenged with the influx of Covid cases. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Sit

Special Music *"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*
Dorothy A. Thrupp, William B. Bradbury

Prayer of Preparation

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Stand

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you.
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace. **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"*
v.1- 2, 6 Number 886

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
6. To God all glory, praise and love, be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Today's Flowers – Ken & Mary Ann Eichler
To the Glory of God and in celebration of our 59th wedding anniversary

SERVICE

Usher	Norm Bembenek
Lector	Ruth Ladage
Musicians	Pat Hagensen, Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson
Sound Tech	Reid Frank
Altar Guild	Marilyn Anderson, Florence Faraone, Barbara West

Today we will worship in a form of a narrative communion service. This is to help us to understand the various components to our heritage service. We hope the explanatory remarks do not detract from the worship experience but help to bring it into clearer focus. Through the years Christians have worshiped in different ways. The Lutheran church has historically used a formal worship structure based on the ancient "mass" form, which started in the early Christian church. Presently we are flexible and have a much less formally structured service, but many of us recall the services in the older hymnals. When we follow the traditional formal service format, it enables us to partake in a beautiful, vital and meaningful worship experience.

In a liturgical service we find two distinct elements but the basic framework is the same Sunday to Sunday. The parts that do not change weekly are called The Ordinary of the service and they reflect the changeless, timeless needs of Christian people.

Within the basic framework of our Liturgy, there are parts which change according to the Sunday or Season. These are called **The Propers** as they carry the special message for the day and lend a particular variety and life to each worship service. The Propers can be prayers for the day or the Bible readings and sometimes responsive narratives.

The Ordinaries are the historical words and music that usually stay the same for most services. There are five parts of the Ordinaries. Their traditional Latin names are: The **Kyrie**, or in English: "Lord have Mercy; **Gloria** or Glory to God in the Highest; **Credo** or the Creed; **the Sanctus** or Holy Holy, Holy and the **Agnus Dei** or Lamb of God. Churches today often use different texts and music to serve the same purpose of these five parts of the service;

one example would be as we sing "This is the Feast" in place of the "Gloria." Similar message, slight different emphasis.

Having begun our worship, we now continue with a heartfelt prayer for mercy, The **Kyrie Eleison**, which means "Lord Have Mercy" is not a confession of sin as much as it is an expression of our emptiness without God and of our need to have God come and fill us with God's grace. This three fold prayer has been used in the Church since at least the 3rd Century. It gathers together all our needs and lays them before the mercy seat of God. You might be confused by the fact that Kyrie Eleison is in Greek, in the earliest days of the church Greek was one of numerous languages of the Roman empire, which moved from Rome to Constantinople, now Istanbul Turkey.

The response to "Lord Have Mercy" (Kyrie Eleison in Greek) is our sung "Glory to God in the Highest" (or Gloria in Excelsis in Latin).

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"Change My Heart"

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"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith; Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp; Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury

"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Carl G. Gläser, arr. Lowell Mason