

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE III
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Father, Welcomes All His Children" [LSB: 605]

Refrain:
**Father welcomes all His Children
To His Fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His Salvation,
Life Forever has been Won.**

**1.
Little children, come to Me,
For My Kingdom is of these.
Life and Love I have to Give,
Mercy for your sin. Refrain**

**2.
In the water, in the Word,
In His Promise, be Assured:
Those who are Baptized and Believe
Shall be Born Again. Refrain**

**3.
Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the Love of Christ our LORD, Live
in the Peace of God. Refrain**

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION (*Please Stand*) [LSB: pg. 184]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

EXHORTATION [LSB: pg. 184]

P Beloved in the LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD.
C Who made heaven and earth.

*[Hebrews 10:22]
Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

CONFESSION OF SINS [LSB: pg. 184]

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless Mercy and for the sake of the Holy, Innocent, Bitter Sufferings and Death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be Gracious and Merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION [LSB: pg. 185]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the Command of my LORD Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

John 20:19-23

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

PSALMODY: *Psalm 32:1-7 (antiphon: v. 1)*



P ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is For- | given,*
whose sin is | Covered.

C ² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

P ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*

through my groaning | all day long.
C ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

P ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and You Forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

C ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

P ⁷ You are a Hiding Place for me; You Preserve me from | trouble;*
You Surround me with shouts of De- | liverance.

GLORIA PATRE ≈ *Glory be to the Father* [LSB: pg. 186]

C (Sung) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

KYRIE ≈ *LORD, Have Mercy* [LSB: pg. 186]

C **LORD, have Mercy upon us.
Christ, have Mercy upon us.
LORD, have Mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ [LSB: pg. 187]

P Glory be to God on High,
P and on earth Peace, Goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great Glory. O LORD God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O LORD, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O LORD God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have Mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the LORD. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [Pg. 189]

P (Sung) The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And also with you.

P O God, from Whom all Good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your Holy Inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are Right and, by Your Merciful Guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the House of Israel. Whenever you hear a Word from My Mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person

shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

R Fear the LORD, | you His Saints,*
for those who fear Him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | Righteous,*
but the LORD Delivers him out | of them all.

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 13:1-10*

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been Instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has Appointed, and those who

resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you

do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to

whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, 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: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore Love is the fulfilling of the Law."

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68* [LSB: pg. 190]

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:1-20* (Please Stand)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O LORD.

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?' ² And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them ³ and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁵ 'Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who Believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ 'Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰ 'See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My

Father Who is in Heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father Who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵ 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church. And if he refuses to listen even to the Church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven. ¹⁸ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (Please Stand) [LSB: pg. 192]

L We confess our Christian Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He Rose again from the dead.
He Ascended into Heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life ☩ Everlasting. Amen. (Please remain standing)

1.
 My soul, now praise your Maker!
 Let all within me bless His name
 Who makes you full partaker
 Of mercies more than you dare claim.
 Forget Him not whose meekness
 Still bears with all your sin,
 Who heals your ev'ry weakness,
 Renews your life within;
 Whose grace and care are endless
 And saved you through the past;
 Who leaves no suff'rer friendless
 But rights the wronged at last.

2.
 He offers all His treasure
 Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
 His love beyond all measure,
 His yearning pity o'er distress;
 Nor treats us as we merit
 But sets His anger by.
 The poor and contrite spirit
 Finds His compassion nigh;
 And high as heav'n above us,
 As dawn from close of day,
 So far, since He has loved us,
 He puts our sins away.

3.
 For as a tender father
 Has pity on His children here,
 God in His arms will gather
 All who are His in childlike fear.
 He knows how frail our powers,
 Who but from dust are made.
 We flourish like the flowers,
 And even so we fade;
 The wind but through them passes,
 And all their bloom is o'er.
 We wither like the grasses;
 Our place knows us no more.

4.
 His grace remains forever,
 And children's children yet shall prove
 That God forsakes them never
 Who in true fear shall seek His love.
 In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,
 His rule is over all;
 O hosts with might excelling,
 With praise before Him fall.
 Praise Him forever reigning,
 All you who hear His Word—
 Our life and all sustaining.
 My soul, O praise the LORD!

SERMON

OFFERTORY [LSB: pg. 192]
Psalm 57:10-12

C (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation, and uphold me with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [I timothy 2:1-4] [LSB: pg. 193]

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE (Sung) [LSB: pg. 194]

P The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And with Thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
C We lift them up unto the LORD.

P Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. Psalm 136
C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE [LSB: pg. 194]

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father,
 be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

SANCTUS ≈ Holy, Holy, Holy [LSB: pg. 195]

C ⁷ Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna,
 hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
 Name of the LORD. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: pg. 196]
Matthew 6:9-13

P (Sung) 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.

C For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

P “Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: ‘Take, eat; this is My ☩ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: ‘Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new Testament in My ☩ Blood, which is shed for you for the Forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always.
C (*Sung*) Amen.

John 20:19

C (*Sung*) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. Amen.

1.
LORD Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

2.
Although You did to heav’n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawn’s the judgment morning,

3.
Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4.
We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are LORD Almighty.

5.
Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, LORD, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.

6.
LORD, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7.
Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, LORD, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8.
For Your consoling supper, LORD,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev’ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

[LSB: 711]

1.
Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2.
We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

3.

You have promised to receive us,

Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

4.
Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessed LORD and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 199]

- P** The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.
- C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS [LSB: pg. 199]

- C** *(Sung)* LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING [LSB: pg. 200]

- A** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good,
- C** *(Sung)* and His Mercy endureth Forever. *Psalm 107:1*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutary Gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would Strengthen us through the same in Faith toward You and in fervent Love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** *(Sung)* Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** Blessed LORD, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed Hope of Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
- C** *(Sung)* Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** *(Sung)* And with Thy spirit.
- P** Bless we the LORD. *[Psalm 103:1]*
- C** *(Sung)* Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION [LSB: pg. 202]

- P** The LORD Bless you and Keep you.
The LORD make His Face Shine on you and be Gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with Favor and ☩ give you Peace.
- C** *(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Before You, LORD, We Bow" [LSB: 966]

1.
Before You, LORD, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our
hearts we raise To You, our King!

2.
The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.

3.
May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.

4.
Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.

5.
And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

POSTLUDE

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