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## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9/6



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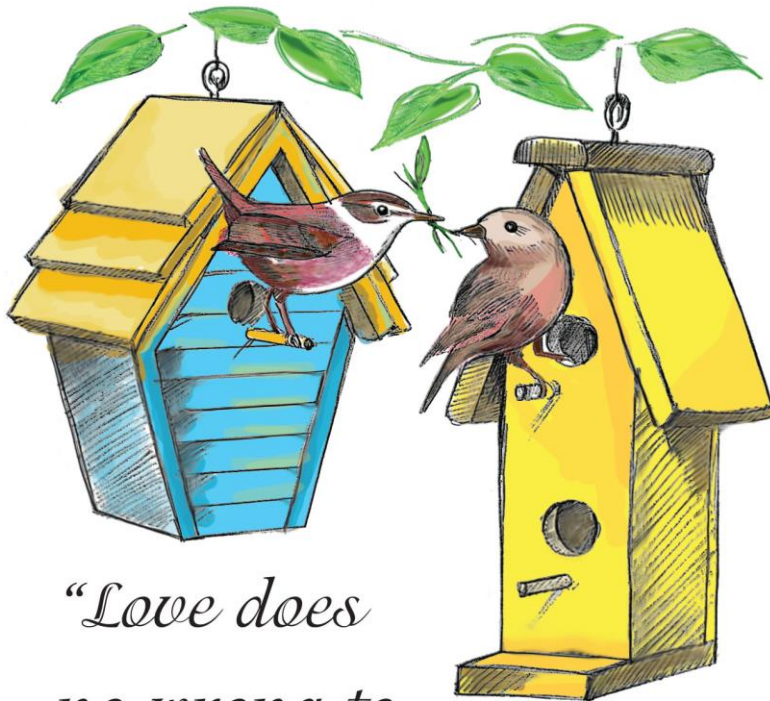
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*“Love does  
no wrong to  
a neighbor; therefore,  
love is the fulfilling  
of the law.”*

Romans 13:10, NRSV

## Hymn of Invocation

### 966 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!

Confession and Absolution *Setting 4 begins on page 203*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Service of the Word

**Introit** *Responsively Read*

How great are your works, | O LORD!\*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

**It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\***

**to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

How great are your works, | O LORD!\*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

♪ **Kyrie** (*Lord*)

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

♪ **Gloria in Excelsis** (*Glory in the Highest*)

**C** To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. 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.

## Old Testament 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. 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. 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.

## Psalm 32:1-7 *Responsively Read*

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*  
whose sin is | covered.

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

For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\*  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.**

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.

**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.**

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from | trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

## Epistle 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. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur

judgment. 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, 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. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 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.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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." 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

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Holy Gospel Matthew 18:1-20

**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?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 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.

"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! 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. 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.

“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. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. 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? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“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. 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. 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. 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. 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. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

### 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,  
Guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways;  
Christ, our triumphant king,  
We come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring  
To join Your praise.
  
- 2 You are the holy Lord,  
O all-subduing Word,  
Healer of strife.  
Yourself You did abase  
That from sin's deep disgrace  
You so might save our race  
And give us life.
  
- 3 You are the great High Priest;  
You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love;  
And in our mortal pain  
None calls on You in vain;  
Our plea do not disdain;  
Help from above.
  
- 4 O ever be our guide,  
Our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By Your enduring Word  
Lead us where You have trod;  
Make our faith strong.



- 5 So now, and till we die,  
Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong,  
Unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our king!

## Sermon

## Pre-communion Litany

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## Prayer of the Church

**Offering (Please place your offering in the white box as you enter or depart)**  
*(As we sing the offertory pastor raises the offering plate as a wave offering for all of our tithes and offerings given in person or by mail or via the internet)*

♪ **Offertory** *(Sing as the offering is brought forward)*

### 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ..... evermore praising You and saying:

♫ **Sanctus** (*Holy*)

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini** (*Peace of the Lord*)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

♫ **Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*)

**C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**Distribution**

♫ **Post Communion Canticle: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee 632**

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be, Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.	2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!
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**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** 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 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** Amen.

## **Benedicamus and Benediction** (*We Bless & Blessing*)

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

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

**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** **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

### **686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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- 1    Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
      Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
      Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
      Call for songs of loudest praise.  
      While the hope of endless glory  
      Fills my heart with joy and love,  
      Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
      May I still Thy goodness prove.
  
- 2    Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
      Hither by Thy help I've come;  
      And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
      Safely to arrive at home.  
      Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
      Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
      He, to rescue me from danger,  
      Interposed His precious blood.
  
- 3    Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
      Daily I'm constrained to be;  
      Let that grace now like a fetter  
      Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
      Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
      Prone to leave the God I love.  
      Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
      Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

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