

# Divine Service Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)*

## Opening Hymn: 902 ss. 1-4

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;  
our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with light divine,  
and let your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise  
in endless hymns through all our days;  
increase our faith and light our minds;  
and set us free from doubt that blinds.

3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,  
"O holy, holy, Lord Most High!"  
And in the light of that blest place  
we then shall see you face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise throughout eternity!

## Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

## Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful

and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.

## Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and  
eternal punishment. 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.

## Absolution

PASTOR: 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.

CONG..... Amen.

## The Introit of the Day

Ps. 28:8, 1-2, 6-7

The Lord is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
To you, O Lord, I call;  
my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me,  
I become like those who go down to the pit.  
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,  
when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
The Lord is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

## The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: 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.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
LORD.  
CONG..... *Amen.*

## Choir: "We Worship Thee, Almighty Lord"

1 We worship thee, almighty Lord,  
Our hearts revere thy gracious word  
When it goes forth  
From heaven o'er all the earth.  
Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God!

2 Upon a mountain builded high,  
Thy Church doth in thy strength rely,  
And standeth sure  
While earth and time endure.  
Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God! A-men.

3 Through her shall every land proclaim  
The sacred might of Jesus' Name,  
And all rejoice  
With Christian heart and voice.  
Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God!

4 All nations to thy throne shall throng  
And raise on high the victory song,  
While cherubim  
Reply to seraphim,  
'Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God!' Amen.

## PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: EZEKIEL 33:7-9

7 "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.

**Gradual:** PSALM 34:9, 19

9 Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing  
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

**The Epistle:** ROMANS 13:1-10

1 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 because of this 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 For 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.

**Verse:** PSALM 147:2-3

Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcast of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel:** ST. MATTHEW 18:7-9

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.

**The Sermon Hymn:** 606 ss. 1-3

I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in his blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul he does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine,  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on his breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

**The Sermon:** “THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN” MATT 18:7-9

**The Post-Sermon Hymn:** 707 ss. 1-4

1 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!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands--  
'Tis a delightful road--  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

**The Apostles' Creed** (We Confess Together)

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.

**The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

**The Collect for the Word**

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

**The Benediction**

PASTOR: 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.

CONG: Amen.

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