



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 3, 2023

*With One Voice* – Service of the Word & Prayer  
and *Lutheran Book of Worship* – Setting Two

**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

**HYMNS TODAY: 558, 126, & 423**

**WELCOME!** We are glad to have you join us for worship today.

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV pp. 49-50)

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**pray in the Holy Spirit**

*Jude 20*

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Jude 21*

If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away;**

**behold everything has become new!**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE (WOV p. 50)

Sisters and brothers, rejoice!

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*John 20:19-21*

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

**GATHERING HYMN: “Earth and All Stars!” (LBW #558)**

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE

Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78)

2 Corinthians 13:14

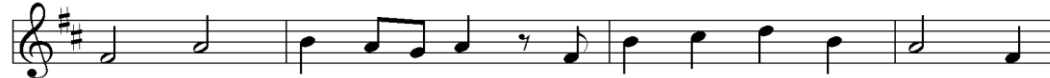
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 79-80)

Luke 2:9-11, 13-14



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

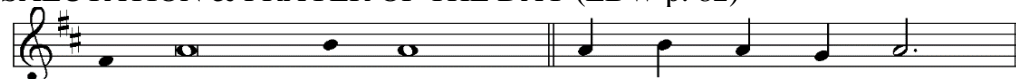


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)



**B** The Lord be with you. **B** And al-so with you.

Ruth 2:4

Let us pray together: **O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26 *Sung responsively between cantor and congregation. (Tone #9)*

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;\*

I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | Lord, and try me;\***

**examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your love is be- | fore my eyes;\*

I have walked faith- | fully with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,\***

**nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;\*

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,\***

**that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>Singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving\*

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell\***

**and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,\*

nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,

<sup>10</sup>**Whose hands are full of | evil plots,\***

**and their right hand | full of bribes.**

<sup>11</sup>As for me, I will live | with integrity;\*

redeem me, O Lord, and have pit- | y on me.

<sup>12</sup>**My foot stands on | level ground;\***

**in the full assembly I will | bless the Lord.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all...

<sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83)

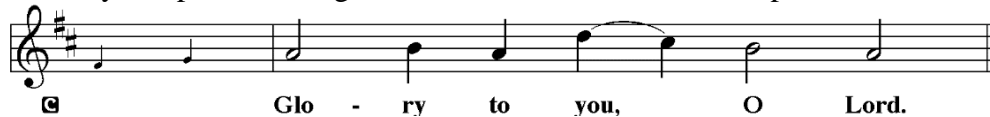
*John 6:68*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup>Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)



Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (LBW #126)**

APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 85, WOV p. 49)

In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** *Ephesians 1:13-14*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

**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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (WOV p. 52)

As God’s people called to love one another,

let us pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words:* All of these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available.

*We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 86)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (WOV p. 51)

Let us pray.

God, our Creator, **you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Psalm 145:16*

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.  
☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.  
☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death in the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 89)

*Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heav’n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 90) *1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 92)

*John 1:29*



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Please be seated.*

### WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer hand sanitizer if you so desire.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE, & PRAYER (LBW pp. 92-94)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



**☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

Let us pray... Pour out the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (*"Blessing"* WOV p. 53)

*Romans 15*

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

**Amen.**

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

**SENDING HYMN: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (LBW #423)**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be:



**Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.**

Ministers: Joy Mission Church and all the people of God

Pastor: Rev. Paulette McHugh

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