

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2020

## THE COMMON SERVICE

### HYMN #235 “Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him”

Praise the Almighty; my soul, adore him! Yes, I will laud him until death.  
With songs and anthems I'll come before him As long as he allows me breath.  
From him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, his holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God he will remain.  
He helps his children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Trust not in princes, they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal When the dark grave will claim its prey.  
Since, then, no one can help afford,  
Trust only Christ, our God and Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely, With happy heart its Amen sings!  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*STAND*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **LORD HAVE MERCY**

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your 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, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

**Exodus 6:2-8:** God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

### Psalm 34

**Refrain:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;\* blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous\* and his ears are attentive to their cry.  
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,\* and he delivers them.

**Refrain:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;\* he delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted\* and saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
The Lord redeems his servants;\* no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.  
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.

**Refrain:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## SECOND LESSON

**Romans 11:33-36:** Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

**C:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*STAND*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 16:13-20:** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

*BE SEATED*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #368 “O Savior, Precious Savior”**

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love,  
O name of might and favor, All other names above,  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.

O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above  
In endless adoration And everlasting love!  
Then shall we praise and bless thee Where perfect praises ring  
And evermore confess thee, Our Savior and our King.

## **SERMON - Romans 11:33-36 “It’s always time for a Doxology”**

*STAND*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

*BE SEATED*

## **HYMN #399 “To God Be the Glory”**

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin And opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

### *STAND*

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

### *BE SEATED*

## **HYMN #334 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**Installation:** Today Miss Chloe Doble will be installed as our preschool teacher and director in training. We are happy and excited to have her with us and we pray God blesses her time with us.

**Meet Miss Doble:** I was born in New Ulm, Minnesota, but moved to Michigan before I was one. I have lived in Michigan for most of my life, with the exception of living in Indiana for 2 years. My parents are Cory and Jill Doble. My dad, Cory, is an executive director of engineering and my mom, Jill, works at a fabric warehouse. I have 3 siblings. My older brother, Ethan, is teaching in Valentine, Nebraska at Zion Lutheran, with his wife Emma. They are expecting a baby girl at the end of July. My younger sister, Kennedy, is a senior in high school at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and my younger brother, Seth, is a junior. I also went to Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan for high school and then went on to Martin Luther College. I graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education back in May. I am also a Type 1 Diabetic. I was diagnosed when I was 11 years old. I love to paint canvases and do DIY projects during my free time. I will be getting married in December 2021. My fiancé's name is Brady Kollmann and he is from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He is attending the University of Oshkosh in Oshkosh, Wisconsin where he is studying chemistry. I am excited to begin my ministry in Marshall!

**Christ Cyclers:** We hope many of you will join us next Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for our Christ Cyclers ride. The plan is to meet at Justice Park, get on the bike trail there, and peddle our way down toward SMSU, under highway 23, around the Red Barron Arena and the pond and back to Justice for lunch. Total distance if you go all the way on the route is about 7 miles. If you decide not to go all the way you can turn around anytime or at a couple different spots that would offer you a 3.6 mile or 5-mile trek. This event is open to any member or friend of Christ Lutheran any age. This is a great, fun family event so plan to attend. We will start at 11:00 am. Sounds like you won't be missing your college football game on TV as they probably won't be playing. Why not wear your Christ or Samuel shirt, if you have one, to show our Lutheran Spirit! Yes, you read correctly that we will be serving a safe Covid and cost-free lunch. Pastor will forgo the bike ride and instead stay back and grill hot dogs. We will also have other "packaged" things to eat and water bottles to quench your thirst after a nice ride. If you don't want to ride come out to cheer on the riders or just enjoy the day. If the weather does not cooperate in the morning we will move it to 4:00 pm. So, if the weather is bad in the morning check out our Facebook page for the update or call pastor. If you know you will be attending please call or email the office so we can plan for lunch. Hope to see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Schedule:** A reminder that next Sunday, September 13th we go back to worshipping at 8:00 and 10:30.

**Sunday School:** For at least the months of September and October our Sunday School is going to look different. We are NOT meeting in person at church. All of the families with children of Sunday School age have received a letter explaining what we are doing. We pray God blesses our efforts.

**Bible Class:** Our adult Bible study will start on Sunday, September 20 between services at about 9:20. Our topic is entitled "Politics is driving me crazy". I believe this is a very timely topic. Hope you feel comfortable enough to join us.

**College Addresses:** If you have a student attending college this year please call or email the church office and give us their information so we can send them newsletters, etc.

**Singing:** We will not be singing as a congregation. In the early service singers will sing the hymns. All liturgy will be spoken.

**Offering:** Just a reminder that we will not be passing the offering plate. You can leave your offering in the plate on the table as you leave church.

**Take Home:** Be sure you take your service folder home with you, to recycle. DO NOT leave it in church.

**Social Distancing:** Please do your best to social distance as you leave church today; don't congregate in the narthex. If you want to talk be sure to do so outside.