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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 29th, 2021

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The Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four,

LSB 203

Opening Hymn: Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908

- 1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.
- 2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

△ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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, 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 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 to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
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.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 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.

2 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—

3 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.

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the Statutes and the Just Decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the Word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the Commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these Statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this Law that I set before you today? ⁹Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:129–136; antiphon: v. 132

¹²⁹Your Testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰**The unfolding of Your Words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant, because I long for Your Commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your Name.**

¹³³Keep steady my steps according to Your Promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Redeem me from man’s oppression, that I may keep Your Precepts.**

¹³⁵Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your Statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep Your Law.**

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His Might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of Truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that Words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to Him again and said to them, **“Hear Me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”** ¹⁷And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. ¹⁸And He said to them, **“Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?”** (Thus He declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And He said, **“What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

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.

Hymn of the Day: By Grace I'm Saved

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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Sermon: Overcoming Evil!*Stand****Ephesians 6:10–20***

Prayer of the Church

Offering: Onward, Christian Soldiers

LSB 662

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go! Refrain
- ref Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
- 2 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. Refrain
- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. Refrain
- 4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. Refrain

The 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.

Closing Collect

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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.**

Hymn to Depart: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On-Line Recording of Services: Beginning Sunday, September 5th we will be recording the Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Church and it will be posted to our Website Sunday following the Service. It is time for us to step out in faith, trusting our Gracious and loving God as He promises to watch over guide and protect us in any and every circumstance.

Bible Study: Beginning on the Wednesday, September 8th, Bible Study will resume at 10:00 a.m. I look forward to seeing everyone again that together we shall study God's Word that we may be strengthened in Faith and Trust. We will begin by studying God's Word with the Book of Exodus. Hope to see you there!

LWML School Supplies SALE:

Looking for pencils, crayons, rulers, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, loose leaf paper and scribblers. Supplies will be donated to Beautiful Savior Lutheran School and the Bear Clan.

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