

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – September 5, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship
Sunday – September 6, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed
10:45 am. Worship



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

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

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254 Alt.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

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, by His authority, and by His command, 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 †

Psalm 9

P I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

C I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

P I will be glad and exult in you;

C I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

P When my enemies turn back,

C they stumble and perish before your presence.

P ⁴For you have maintained my just cause;
C **you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.**
P ⁵You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish;
C **you have blotted out their name forever and ever.**
P ⁶The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out;
C **the very memory of them has perished.**
P ⁷But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
C **he has established his throne for justice,**
P ⁸and he judges the world with righteousness;
C **he judges the peoples with uprightness.**
P ⁹The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
C **a stronghold in times of trouble.**
P ¹⁰And those who know your name put their trust in you,
C **for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**
P ¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
C **Tell among the peoples his deeds!**
P ¹²For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
C **he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**
P ¹³Be gracious to me, O LORD!
C **See my affliction from those who hate me,**
P O you who lift me up from the gates of death,
C ¹⁴**that I may recount all your praises,**
P that in the gates of the daughter of Zion
C **I may rejoice in your salvation.**
P ¹⁵The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
C **in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.**
P ¹⁶The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment;
C **the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.**
P ¹⁷The wicked shall return to Sheol,
C **all the nations that forget God.**
P ¹⁸For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
C **and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**
P ¹⁹Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;
C **let the nations be judged before you!**
P ²⁰Put them in fear, O LORD!
C **Let the nations know that they are but men! ‘**
ALL **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.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Collect of the Day

P 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

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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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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.

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

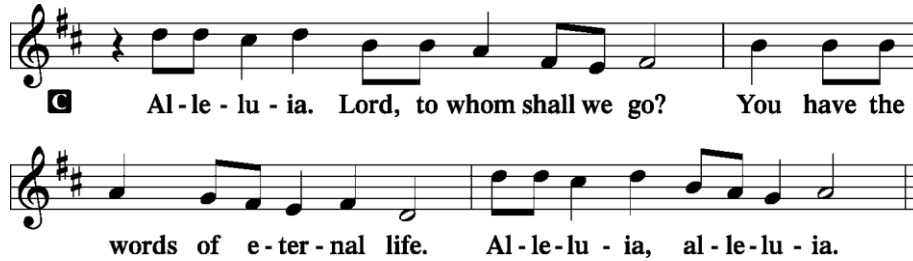
Romans 13:1-10

¹Let 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. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For 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, ⁴for 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. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay 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.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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.*” ¹⁰Love 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.

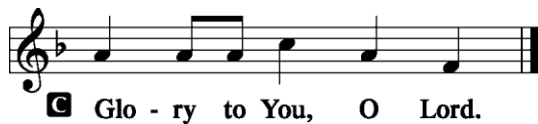


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “*Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?*” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “*Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*”

⁴*Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

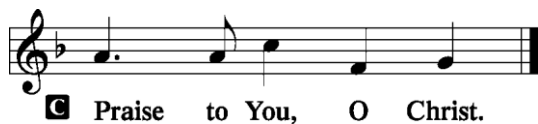
⁵*Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.*

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! ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.*

¹⁰*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. ¹²What 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? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.*

¹⁵*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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly, 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. ¹⁹Again 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. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

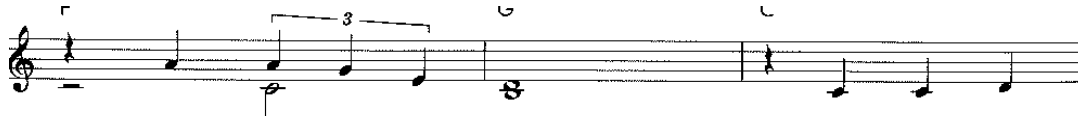
Hymn "Charity"



1. Al - though I speak with tongues of men and -
 2. Love is patient and kind. Love is not -
 3. One sea - son I was a child I spoke and I



an - gels, and though I pro - phe - sy -
 en - vi - ous not proud, but gen - tle and meek.
 thought as a child. But when I turn - ed to man -



and un - der - stand all. Al - though I
 seeks not its own way. Love sings when
 such ways put a - side. Tho' now we



have all faith - so moun - tains may be re - moved
 Je - sus pre - vails Be - lieves and en - dures all things
 see thru a glass - yet then we shall see face to face



And though I feed the poor and give up my
 Love hopes and bears every wrong and Love nev - er
 Though now a - bide faith and hope the great - est is



life _____
 fails _____
 love _____

If I have not char - i - ty



If love does not flow from me I am



noth - ing Je - sus re - duce me to love _____



love _____ Je - sus re - duce me to love. _____

Sermon "Where Did the Angels Learn This Attitude?" Matthew 18:1-20

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Responses:

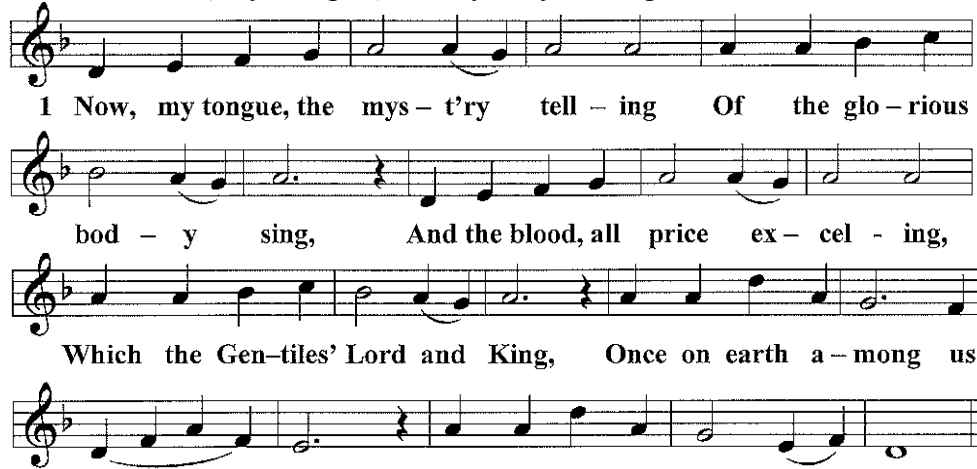
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, and our Lamb of God who has taken away our sin.
- C** Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 630:1 “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” (Tune LSB # 620)



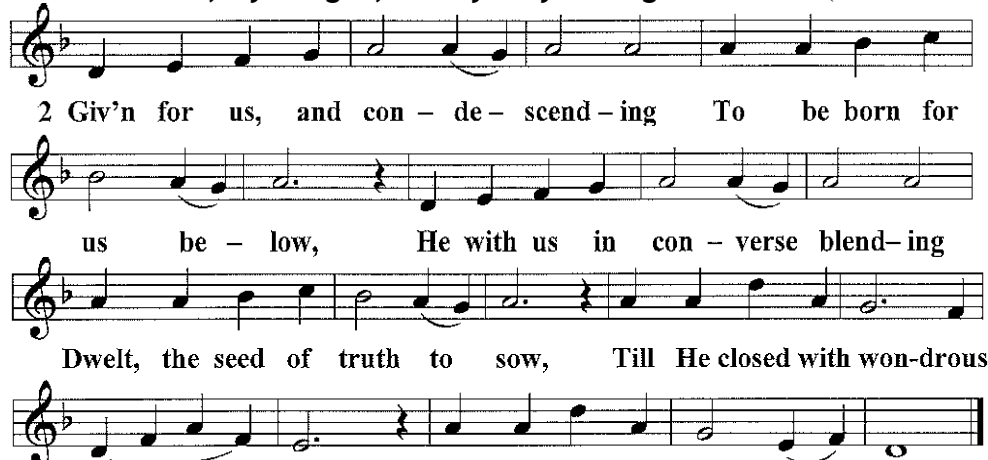
1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious
bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ing,
Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a - mong us
dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.

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Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 630:2 “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” (Tune LSB # 620)



2 Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for
us be - low, He with us in con - verse blend - ing
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with won - drous
end - ing His most pa - tient life of woe.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162 Matthew 6:9–13

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.

The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: ***“Take, eat; this is My ∇ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”***

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: ***“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”***

Pax Domini

LSB 163 John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



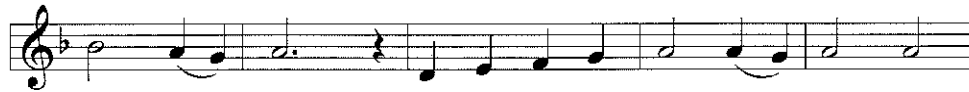
C A - men.

Hymn # 630:3-4 “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

(Tune LSB # 620)



3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His
 4 Word made flesh, the bread He tak - eth, By His word His



chos - en band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
 flesh to be; Wine His sa - cred blood He mak - eth,



Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious food sup -
 Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone to truth a -



ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.
 wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

