

# The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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*(In-Person & Live -Streamed)*



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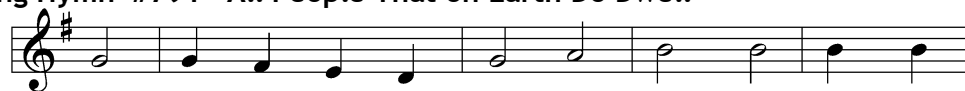
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# † Call to Worship †

## Greeting and Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn #791 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*Psalm 100 {1}*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age - to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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*Stand*

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

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b;*

*18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151*

- 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 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** 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

*[John 20:19–23] LSB 151*

- 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, 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.  
**C** Amen.

## † Service of the Word †

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 26

**P**<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

**C** and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

**P**<sup>2</sup>Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

**C** test my heart and my mind.

**P**<sup>3</sup>For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,

**C** and I walk in Your faithfulness.

**P**<sup>4</sup>I do not sit with men of falsehood,

**C** nor do I consort with hypocrites.

**P**<sup>5</sup>I hate the assembly of evildoers,

**C** and I will not sit with the wicked.

**P**<sup>6</sup>I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,

**C**<sup>7</sup>proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

**P**<sup>8</sup>O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

**C** and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P**<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

**C** nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

**P**<sup>10</sup>in whose hands are evil devices,

**C** and whose right hands are full of bribes.

**P**<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;

**C** redeem me, and be gracious to me.

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

**C** in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

**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

*Mark 10:47 LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**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 mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Amen.

## Hymn #633 (v. 1-2) "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to,  
Δ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,  
our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:  
Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament 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.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle: 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 conceited. <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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*John 6:68 LSB 156*

**C** 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 28:16-20**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

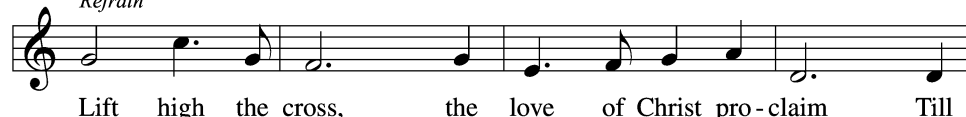
<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.


Sit

## Sermon Hymn #837 (v. 1, 2, 4, 5) "Lift High the Cross"


*Refrain*



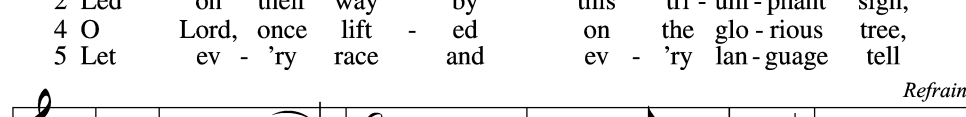
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,  
5 Let ev-'ry race and ev-'ry lan-guage tell



*Refrain*



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

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## Sermon "Building the Delivery System"

### Sermon Texts:

**Matthew 28:18-20** (from today's Gospel)

**Romans 11:33-12:8**

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

<sup>35</sup>"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Stand

## 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Please remain standing*

**Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar**

*Sit*

## Prayer of the Church

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, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

# † Service of the Sacrament †

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## 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. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,                      as we forgive those  
         hallowed be Thy name,                              who trespass against us;  
         Thy kingdom come,                                  and lead us not into temptation,  
         Thy will be done on earth                         but deliver us from evil.  
         as it is in heaven;                                      For Thine is the kingdom  
         give us this day our daily bread;                 and the power and the glory  
         and forgive us our trespasses                         forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

*John 20:19 LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29 LSB 163*



**C** 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution of the LORD's Supper

*Stand*

## Thanksgiving

*Psalms 107:1 LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endures forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Sending Hymn #643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



1 Sent forth by God’s bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-’ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God’s king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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