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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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THE PRELUDE: *Amazing Grace*
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
 2 Praise to the Lord, who on wings of seraphim doth ascend
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and your deed
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore
 a reign; you, him! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 fend; you, him! And, as on wings of an eagle, up-
 dere him! Sure-ly his goodness and mercy shall
 tion! Let all who hear Now to his
 health and salvation! Have you not seen All that is
 lift-ing, sustaining, you, him! Ponder a new What the Al-
 prais-ers be-fore him! Let the a-men Sound from his
 tem-ple draw near, Join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 need-ful has been Sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 might-y can do If with his love he be-friend you,
 peo-ple a-gain. Glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him!

THE GREETING

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.

THE KYRIE

Ky-ri-e-e-le-i-son: Lord, have mer-cy.
 Lord, have mer-cy.
 Chri-ste-e-le-i-son: Christ, have mer-cy.
 Christ, have mer-cy.
 Ky-ri-e-e-le-i-son: Lord, have mer-cy.
 Lord, have mer-cy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 1 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.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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.

Refrain
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 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.

Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TEMPLE TALK: *What Will Our Legacy Be?*

Bob Gustafson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

THE PSALM

Psalms 113

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

⁸ to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?"

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

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

771 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness. O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest; sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love,
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Belgian
 Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
 hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

THE SERMON

VOCAL SOLO: Sunrise, Sunset

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

409 **Praise and Thanksgiving**

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

or - chard, Hay from the mowen fields, Blossom and wood,
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dat - ly bread,
 jote - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care,
 hun - ger, In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.
Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those**

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" vs 1,3

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1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
 2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!

Num - ber them a - mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
 Let us join your feast, par - tak-ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
 To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!

Weave them gar - ments bright and spark - ling; com-pass them with love and light.
 God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born.

Fill, a - mount them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light,
 one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

THE DISMISSAL
 THE POSTLUDE: *Thy Word*