



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
LBW Setting One without Communion  
Sunday, September 6, 2020**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C **Amen**

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



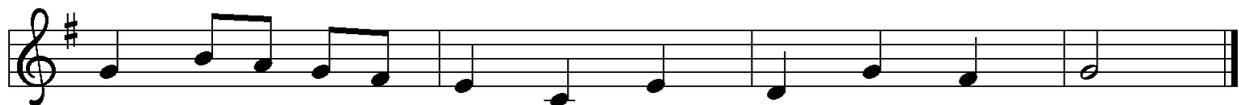
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## LITANY

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song; sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

C **Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

P Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.

C **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people, and adorns the humble with victory.**

P Let the faithful exult in glory.

C **Let us sing together for joy!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together,

C **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 33:7-11

L A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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?” <sup>11</sup>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?

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

L <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C <sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C <sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C <sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C <sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 13:8-14

L A reading from Romans.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The 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, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;<sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;<sup>13</sup> let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.<sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SPOKEN)**

**C** **Alleluia. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20**

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

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]<sup>15</sup> “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.<sup>16</sup> 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.<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> 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.<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

HYMN

# Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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L Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community (*especially*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

L Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

L Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

L Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

L Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

L All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy, through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**C Amen**

## HYMN

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Advent  
Virtual Choir

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## DISMISSAL

L Go in Peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Andrea Windsor-Peterson

Pastor Jason Peterson

### Organist

Melinda East

### Lectors

Phil & Carole Hanes

### Sending Hymn

Advent Virtual Choir

## September Stewardship Snippets

*Source: Rob Blezard.*

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*Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. - Romans 13:10*

Striving to keep the twin commandments to love God with all our being and love our neighbors as ourselves, we naturally care for the common good. We learn that what affects one really affects us all.

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