



# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

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## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

*The presiding minister and those gathered greet each other.*

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.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The presiding minister shares announcements from the Trinity community.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
**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.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

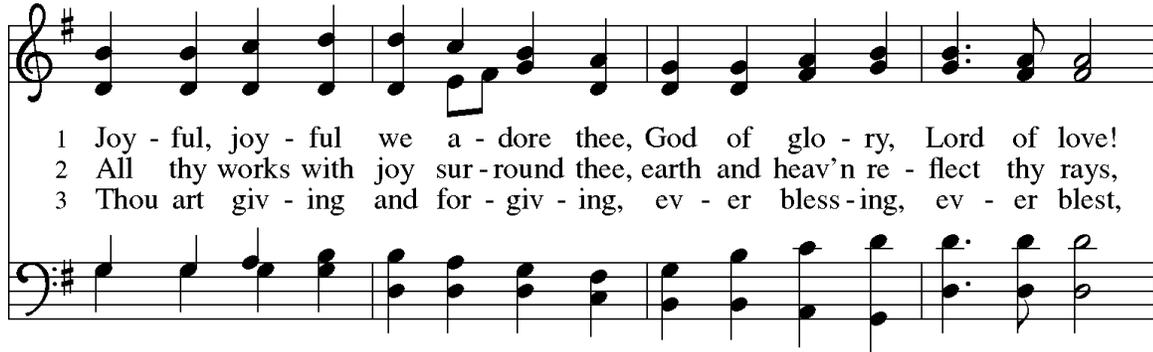
Hear the truth that God proclaims:

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.

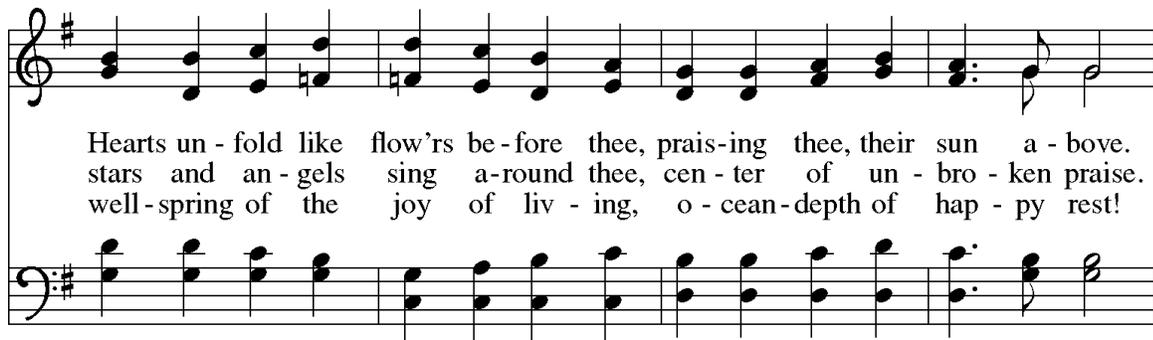
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**     *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836)*

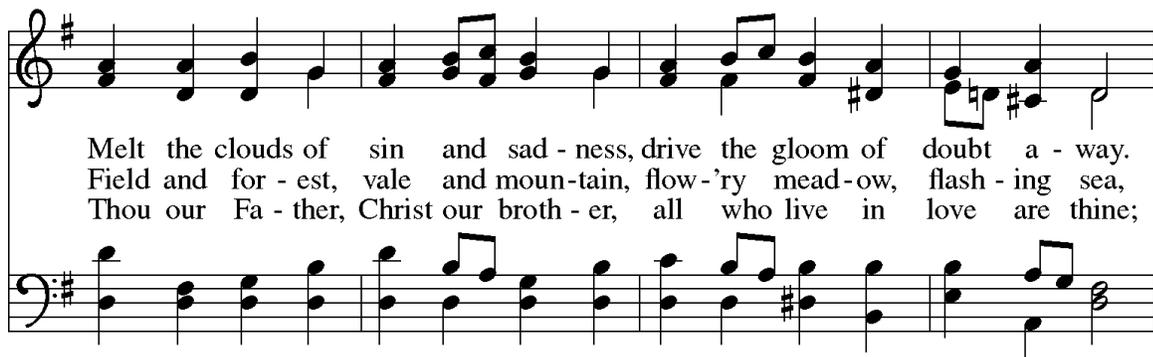
*Those gathered are invited to sing.*



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!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

From the beginning until now, loving God, we have turned away from you, following lesser ways, pursuing a lesser life than the life offered to us in Christ. Yet you will not abandon us. You call out, warning and wooing us to return to you. Even when we fall away from brothers and sisters in the church, you remain present with us. Help us to love as you love— wholeheartedly— until we are reconciled to you and to our neighbor. In Christ’s name, we pray. **Amen.**

## Word

**READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

*The assisting minister reads the lesson.*

A reading from Ezekiel.

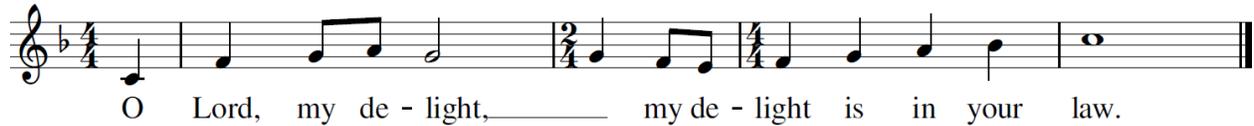
<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked 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?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 119**

*The minister of music leads the psalm.*



**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

*The presiding minister reads the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

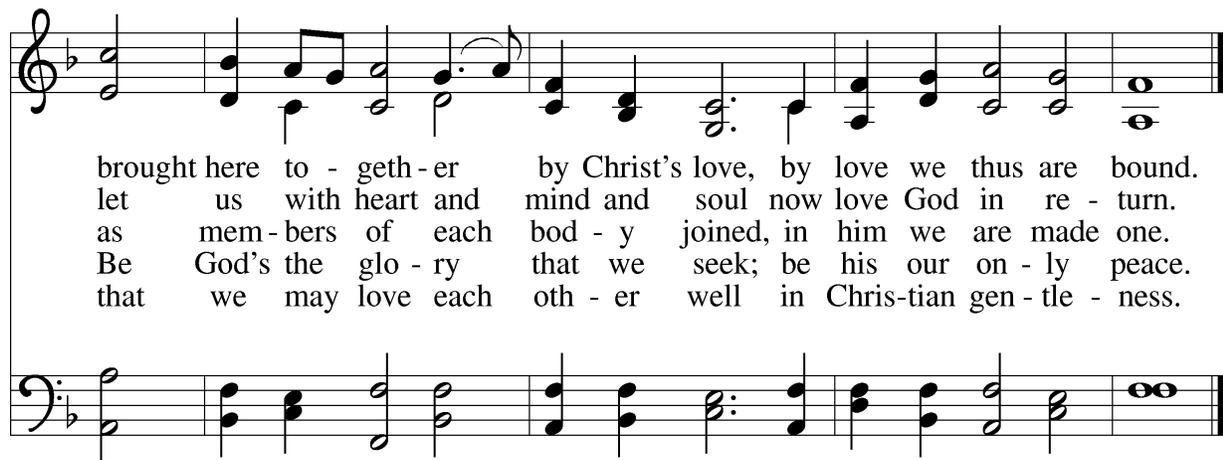
*The presiding minister delivers the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)*

*Those gathered are invited to sing.*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayers.*

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in Wilmot Township and the Nith Valley Ministry Area. Strengthen partnerships and guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. With the worldwide ecumenical community, today we pray for the churches of Ghana and Nigeria.

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

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.

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

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, **hear our prayer.**

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. We pray especially for Doris, Paul, Kim, John, Paul, Lisa, Todd, Bruce, Rita, Gerry, Art, Arlene, Hal, Ron and Ruth, Marina and her family, and those we name in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

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

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and those gathered greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Meal

### DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets those gathered.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
that you sowed your Word in Jesus,  
to grow your kingdom here on earth  
and draw us ever near.

Jesus planted mercy wherever he went,  
to reap a greater righteousness.  
He shared bread with outcasts and sinners  
and healed the brokenhearted.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, gave to his friends, and said,

Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing,  
gave it to his friends, and said,  
Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his dying and rising,  
we offer you this bread and wine,  
and ourselves in grateful service.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
and all your people here today.  
Breathe your Spirit over all creation  
that together we may cultivate peace  
in every corner of the world.

Then bring us to that blessed mountain  
where with the meek and pure in heart  
we will live forever in blessedness  
as we taste the fruits of heaven.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Life-giving Spirit,  
we worship you, Creating God,  
in songs of endless praise.  
Blessed are you, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

**COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this worship, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

#### **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Mothering God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends us into mission.*

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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