

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



8:45 Drive-in
10:00 am (online)
September 6, 2020
Zion Lutheran Church
Camas, Washington
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Prelude

Gary Ritter

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: 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.

P: 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

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***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.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Worker God, whose hands built the earth, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds. Meet us here, Worker God; strengthen our hearts and our hands to be Jesus in the world. Fill us with healing and peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *"Jesus Calls us; O'er the Tumult"* v. 1-3, 5 Number 696

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."
2. As of old St. Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

WORD

Psalm Reading

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

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

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; 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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to the disciples: 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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For 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!**

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day "Where Charity and Love Prevail" v. 1-4 Number 359

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
3. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
4. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Nicene Creed

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C: ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

Prayers of Intercession

God, you have rescued us, setting us free from slavery to sin and selfishness, inviting us into relationship with You and one another through your mercy and love. You call us to love and serve You by loving and serving our brothers and sisters, near and far; to put their needs ahead of our own to fulfill Your law of love. And so we offer our prayers for the world You created. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not have what they need in order to survive; those without enough food and water, medical care, shelter, or security. Open our hearts to see the needs in our world, and to respond with Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

On this Labor Day weekend, we remember those who have no work, who are struggling to provide for their families, and who despair of ever finding employment again. Open our hearts to see the needs of the unemployed, and to respond with Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are living with serious illness or injury, who face each day with uncertainty or pain, who find themselves wondering what the future holds. Open our hearts to see the needs of those around us, especially those we remember out loud or in our hearts, and to respond with Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for teachers, students, school administrators and parents of students. As they begin this year online we pray for smooth transitioning and learning environments that foster creativity, learning, and friendships. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We also pray for Your church, the Body of Christ on earth. We pray that we would be a living example of Your love in our world, treating one another with compassion and respect, settling differences with love and integrity, bound together by our common allegiance to You. Open our hearts to see one another, and to respond with Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We entrust these prayers those heard and unheard into your hands, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

P: May the peace of the risen Christ be with all of you.

C: **And also with you.**

Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.

“The Gift of Love”

Pat Hagensen, Judy Swanson

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

SENDING

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

Sending Songs *“Earth and All Stars!”* v.1, 3-5 Number 731

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain:

God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

3. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin

"The Gift of Love" Text: Hal Hopson; Music: American folk tune arr. Hal

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