

## Announcements

- **Worship Schedule:** Sunday morning worship will be outdoors, weather permitting. If we need to move inside, we ask that you wear a face mask. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available. If you are feeling ill, we ask that you stay home and take care of yourself, but please let us know if we can offer any help to you.
- **Are you interested in participating in a Bible/Book Study?** We do not have anything set up just yet, but if you are interested, please let Angie know! We will keep you posted when more is known!
- **Need a good book to read?** Our library has many books to offer, including over 4 boxes of fiction books added to the library over the last year!!!



**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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**PRAYERCARE** The family of Ann Rue, the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, Julie Valez, the family of Margaret Dale, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg, Michelle Lynch, the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, the family of Lowell Nelson, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the family of John Solheim, Donna Lindgren, Don Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Emil Nelson & family, Ron Hackmann, the family of Doris Fors, Miriana Hackmann and Helen Swanson.

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**Pastor Dwight Rudquist**

**Music:** Toni Brekke

**Lector:** Natalie Landgreen

**Vocals:** Natalie Landgreen

**Fellowship:** Rose Anderson

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

## HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies

**ELW 853**

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known than "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
There to the eternal Word the Eternal psalm is heard: oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of humankind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face, sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

## HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth

**ELW 879**

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gently thoughts and mild:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## **HYMN: Before You, Lord, We Bow**

Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above  
and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!

May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,  
shine forth in wisdom's light, and its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grateful song.

Earth, hear your maker's voice; your great redeemer own;  
believe obey, rejoice, and worship God alone.  
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before the Crucified!

And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev'ry land  
from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,  
a countless throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king salvation's song!

## **PRAYERS**

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all  
dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises  
from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe,  
so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors,  
is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away  
anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am  
charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the  
peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise  
and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our  
God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances  
as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes  
have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known  
to your children and your children's children—

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist