

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Video Eucharist

September 5-6, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Manistee, Michigan

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

## GATHERING

### CONFESSION

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

**Amen.**

Let us pray,

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.**

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.**

### ABSOLUTION

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.**

### 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.**

## GATHERING VOLUNTARY

“Variations on: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”  
- *Richard Hobby (1962- )*

## GATHERING HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” *ELW 864*

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!

God be praised for grace and favor  
to our forebears in distress.  
God be praised, the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, as mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the great Eternal One!

Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel.

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. 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. 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. 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?" 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 Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

*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.  
Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain.  
Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.  
Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.  
Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.  
Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me.  
Glory to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will | be forever.  
A | - - men.**

## **SECOND READING**

Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 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; 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; let 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: "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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.**

## **HOMILY**

*The Rev. Dr. Timothy Knauff*

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

“Proof of Your Love”

*-Ben Glover, Fred Williams, Joel Smallbone, Jonathan Lee, Luke Smallbone, Mia Fields, 2011*

If I sing but don't have love  
I waste my breathe with every song  
I bring an empty voice a hollow noise  
If I speak with a silver tongue  
Convince a crowd but don't have love  
I leave a bitter taste with every word I say

(So) let my life be the proof  
The proof of Your love  
Let my love look like You  
And what You're made of  
How You lived how You died  
Love is sacrifice  
So let my life be the proof  
The proof of Your love

If I give to a needy soul  
But don't have love then who is poor  
It seems all the poverty is found in me

Woah oh  
When it's all said and done  
Woah oh  
When we sing our final song  
Only love remains  
Only love remains

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

“As We Gather at Your Table” *ELW* 522

As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

## **MEAL**

### **PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Though separated by the trials of this world, we are 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.**

## BREAKING OF BREAD

This is Jesus; this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now, we pray**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
Eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace, we pray.**

*The elements of the Eucharist, consecrated during the service as recorded on Wednesday, August 26, are distributed on Saturday, September 5, from 4 to 4:30 pm at the parking lot entrance to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Those who wish to commune are asked to park in the lot, walk over to the portico while observing social distancing, and receive bagged, consecrated elements.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **SENDING SONG**

“Multiply Your Love” - *Andy Park, 2001*

Multiply Your love through us  
To the lost and the least  
Let us be Your healing hands  
Your instruments of peace  
May our single purpose be  
To imitate Your life  
Through our simple words and deeds  
Let love be multiplied

Multiply Your love through me  
To someone in need  
Help me Lord to freely give  
This grace that I've received

Let my single purpose be  
To imitate Your life  
Through my simple words and deeds  
Let love be multiplied

Let us see Your kingdom come  
To the poor and broken ones  
Let us see a mighty flood  
Of justice and mercy O Jesus  
Let love be multiplied  
Let love be multiplied

Multiply Your church through us  
To the ends of the earth  
Where there's only barrenness  
Let us see new birth  
Use us as Your labourers  
Working side by side  
Let us see Your harvest come  
Let love be multiplied

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Multiply Your love through us  
Multiply Your love

**SENDING VOLUNTARY**

“Trumpet Tune: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”  
- *Richard Hobby*